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On The Great White Way



NEAR-NEWS AND CHATTER FOR SATURDAY NIGHT

To the lady first correctly guessing the identity of the person of whom the following is a character sketch, and bringing a copy of this paper to the Tribune office, a cash prize of $1.00 will be given. The subject of the sketch is a prominent citizen of La Crosse. After winning one prize, a contestant will not be eligible to again compete for a period of three months.

The "Guess Who's Here" contest was won last week by Margaret Skaar, 415 South Fifth street. The subject of the sketch was Will Hoeschler.



Most young people like their pappas, especially when their pappas are purveyors of "sweets to the sweet." That is why they take to our hero with so much gusto. They all have confidence in him, and they would laugh you to scorn were you to tell them to, "Beware of the Greeks, bearing gifts." The gentleman whom we here discuss came among us young in years, with that "shining morning face" which Shakespeare saw in youth, and that the bright countenance imparts itself to others may be deduced from the fact that he made all who came to him shine, a process that in this case went from head to foot. That was his way of beginning at the bottom and working up, and still and always smiling, he taught the young folk to follow him as

"All the little boys and girls,
With rosy cheeks and teeth like pearls"

followed the Pied Piper of Hamlin. They came to him days and evenings and sundaes, and when his pleasant little emporium of confections grew too small, he builded them another so grand and palatial that in it all things shine like his still "shining morning face." There even "the glory that was Greece" shines dim in comparison, way down the ages where history has framed it, and as he leads all competitors in the confectionary marathon, his friends know he will hold his own even as those patriotic ancestors held Thermopylae. Ladies and gentlemen, if you don't guess his name we shall be dis-gus-ted.



To be compelled, as a private citizen, to have two men arrested, and as county physician to be their "good Samaritan," was the peculiar experience of Dr. R. E. Flynn, but, after all, the joke was on Captain Larry Dugan and Detective William H. Fitzsimmons of Central station.

The evidence showed that Flem Norcross and Jack Nelson, two gents of fortune whose modest enterprise never rises above petty larceny, had converted, acquired, annexed and otherwise possessed themselves of a laprobe belonging to Dr. Flynn. That charitably disposed practitioner avers that he would have forgiven them the theft had it gone for pabulum, but when he found they had traded it for spirits frumentum, he waxed sore and appeared as the complaining witness. Wherefore, after the customary sobfest of the defending lawyer, our adventurers were ordered to register at the Hotel Calaboose, where the bill of fare is aqua pura and Mulligan stew, and notwithstanding an hospitable sovereign state insisted upon paying the hotel bill, they were sore distressed.

Now, during the trial Norcross and Nelson were seen to quake and shake as if ague-stricken, and as Fitz was conducting them to their new quarters they begged plaintively for a "shot of booze," pleading that they had been drinking hard and were on the verge of the "snakes."

"I should say you were," admitted Fitz. "I expected to see one of you wrestling with a boa constrictor right there in the court room."

Their cells reached, the men sank trembling upon their bunks.

"Whiskey, for God's sake!" prayed Norcross, and Nelson groaned.

That was too much for the big hearted Fitz, and making his way to the catchall where bottles taken from inebriates are stored, he selected a half pint of red liquor and, returning to the lockup, slipped it to the sufferers. Then he went his way, boyed to jauntiness by the consciousness of a good deed done to humans traveling in the dark places.

It so happened that when good Captain Larry Dugan saw the men tottering toward the prison ward, instinct told him of their suffering, and the sadness of it smote him. Wherefore, when Fitz had gone forth to Hawkshaw the holiday crowd, Larry slipped a half pint of redtop into his pocket, and taking a slant over his shoulder to make sure he was unobserved, tiptoed out to the cells.

"Good for what ails you," he grinned appreciatively, as he passed the bottle between the bars, where one of the shaking culprits pounced upon it.

About a half hour later Mr. Dugan slipped out to the cells again to see how his patients were getting on, and to his astonishment found both still quaking as though convulsions were imminent.

"D. T.'s' if I don't hurry," the captain told himself, and he hastened to call County Physician Flynn.

Dr. Flynn felt of their pulses and took their temperatures, while Larry looked on.

"Perfectly normal," pronounced the doctor, his examination finished. Then, to the men:

"What's the matter with you fellows, faking?"

Norcross looked at Nelson, whose eloquent eyes said, "Jig's up." Then he turned to the physician with just the trace of a confidential grin, and grunted:

"Nawthin', we was shakin' fer th' drinks."



Among the young men whom La Crosse has given to other cities and sections is Henry Gohres, brother of Joseph P. Gohres, the latter cashier of the Exchange State Bank. Henry is now a resident of Fairbanks, Alaska, where he is connected with the fire department. Now it isn't just because that is a land of glacial grandeur that the fire department is a place of highly respectable salaries, for up there where the crop is gold and they do intensified farming money is as plenty as fresh eggs are scarce, and if she lays at all the hen looks with contempt upon that unprofitable "goose that laid the golden egg." No doubt this explains why Henry Gohres came a-visiting to La Crosse this Autumn with a "bankroll" of immense proportions.

But Henry found embarrassment in riches, just because down in New York, whither he wandered for a brief season, not only do men know that "all is not gold that glitters," but so unfamiliar with the yellow magic are they as to suspect that "all that glitters is not gold."

At least, so Mr. Gohres concluded. In Alaska, all is gold, and when he left there $35.00 in paper money was all he could find in the entire city. Wherefore he arrived in New York heavy with double eagles.

Shortly after arriving in Gotham Henry made a small purchase in a store, handing the clerk a twenty-dollar gold piece. The clerk looked at it dubiously, then sought the cashier. After a whispered confab, she returned the coin, saying she could not change it.

That a great emporium of commerce could not break the twenty seemed strange, but Mr. Gohres sought another store, and repeated his attempt to make his purchase. Here again the gold was rejected, this time the cashier frankly declaring his skepticism as to its genuineness.

To simplify matters Mr. Ghores sought a bank, and requested that they take a few hundred in gold and give him paper in return. The teller looked his surprise. Then he picked up one of the coins and handed it to another employe. The latter pronounced it genuine, and after some parley the exchange was made.

"We see so little gold in New York that people here are afraid of it," explained the teller.

"Now wouldn't that bust your helmet!" exclaimed Mr. Ghores, as he

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TELEPHONE MERGER SUIT IS SETTLED

A. T. & T. Co. Agrees to Dispose of Western Union Interest and to Buy No More Competitors

AGREE TO PHYSICAL CONNECTION

Bell System Will Give Its Toll Line Service to Any Independent Company that So Desires

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—With the approval of President Wilson, the department of justice, through Attorney General McReynolds, today agreed upon a settlement of the dissolution suit against the American Telephone and Telegraph company. The settlement will result in the complete separation of the A. T. & T. company from the Western Union Telegraph company, and the agreement also provides that no Bell telephone company will hereafter buy any telephone lines which are or may become competitors of the Bell telephone system.

Agree to Physical Connection

An interesting phase of the settlement is an agreement on the part of the Bell telephone system to supply physical connection with their toll lines with any independent company desiring the privilege. The agreement declares that "any subscriber of any independent company will be given connection with any subscriber of any company in the Bell system or with any subscriber of any independent company with which the Bell system is connected, who is served by an exchange which is more than fifty miles distant from the exchange in which the call originates."

Whether the precedent set in the compromise of the "telephone trust" case is to be extended to the "steel trust" prosecution was a question agitating legislators today.

Republicans Disapprove

Republicans expressed their disapproval of the compromise with the American Telephone and Telegraph company, declaring that on the basis of information as to violations of the Sherman law transmitted to the interstate commerce commission last January by Attorney General Wickersham, it appeared that punishment should have been meted out.

To Restore Confidence

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—Prediction that the agreement between the government and the American Telephone and Telegraph company will cause "the immediate restoration of complete confidence and the reassurance of all business men who are conducting their business legitimately," was made today by Theodore N. Vail, president of the American Telephone and Telegraph company in a special interview with the United Press.

"How will the $30,000,000 of Western Union stock be disposed of by your company?" he was asked.

"We have not the slightest idea as yet," said Vail. "All of those details are still to be arranged. These details will be arranged immediately, before we take up the matter of making contracts with the 20,000 independent telephone companies for the use of our interstate or long distance lines."

Pleases Postal

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—"The result is a gratifying solution of the whole trouble," declared Cralence H. Mackay, president of the Postal Telegraph and Mackey companies, today in commenting on the separation of the A. T. & T. and the Western Union Telegraph company.

TO PUSH PAY BILL

DES MOINES, Iowa, Dec. 20.—Adjutant General Guy E. Logan of Iowa today announced a meeting of the executive committee of the National Guard association of the United states and all adjutants general at Washington January 14 to take up the question of pushing through congress the federal pay bill which will place national guard officers upon a small salary of from $100 to $400 a year.

Weather

Yesterday's temperatures:
High, 46.
Low, 24.
Precipitation, 0.
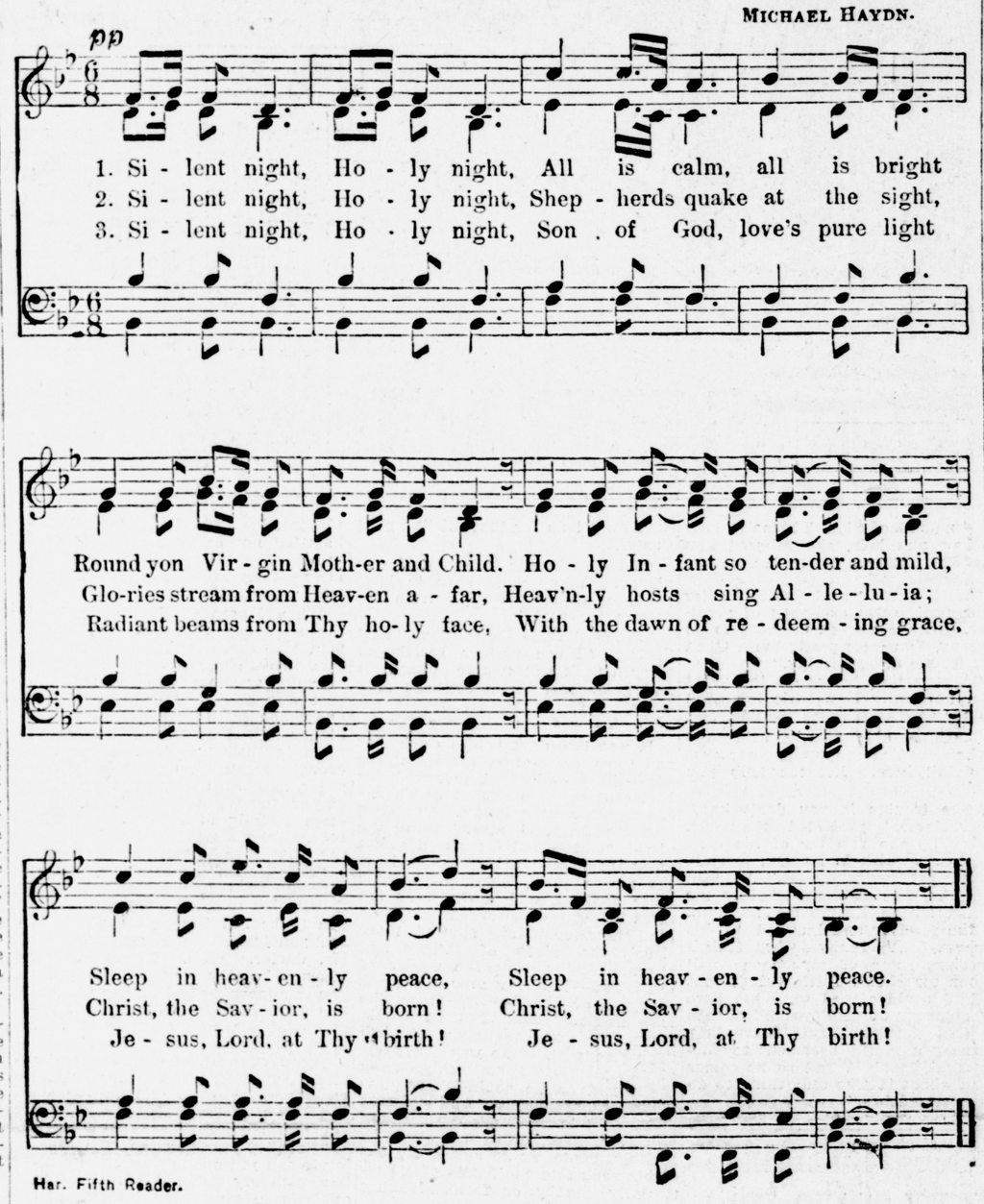
Forecast for La Crosse and vicinity: Generally fair tonight and Sunday; much colder tonight and moderately cold over Sunday.

For Wisconsin: Generally fair tonight and Sunday except possibly snow flurries south and east portions tonight; colder tonight and southeast portion Sunday; moderate to brisk northwesterly winds.

For Minnesota: Generally fair tonight and Sunday; colder south and east portion tonight; warmer northwest portion Sunday; moderate to brisk northwesterly winds becoming variable Sunday.

For Iowa: Unsettled weather and probably snow flurries extreme east portion tonight; Sunday generally fair; much colder tonight and southeast portion Sunday; moderate to brisk northwesterly winds.

THIS CHRISTMAS CAROL IS ONE OF THOSE ON THE PROGRAM FOR THE CITY CELEBRATION



Har. Fifth Reader.

MANY PRESENT AT FIRST REHEARSAL

Chorus for City Christmas Celebration Promises to Be Large and Enthusiasm Is Great

TO DECORATE BIG TREE MONDAY

Electricians to Cover It with 250 Electric Bulbs and Everything Will Be Ready Xmas Eve

The first rehearsal of the songs to be sung in connection with the city Christmas celebration was held at the Congregational church last night.

The enthusiasm and zest with which La Crosse singers joined in the chorus work was marvelous and members of the Music Study club committee, who have in charge the musical part of the program, are enthusiastic over the prospects for a grand chorus Chritmas evening.

Mrs. Robert C. Whelpley, a member of the committee, today pointed out that the hymns were chosen by a committee and are musical numbers sung the world over at Christmas time.

Mrs. Whelpley again urges all churches to aid in the musical part of the program by requesting their choirs to memorize the songs, as they appear in the papers, and aid in their rendition Christmas eve.

The big Christmas tree is in Burns park and at 7 o'clock Monday morning a crew of competent electricians will start the work of decorating it with 250 electric bulbs. There will be other trimmings and it is predicted, it will be ready for illumination long before the hour of 5 o'clock the day before Christmas.

City Pays Nothing

Mayor Sorensen today requested that the press make it plain that the city of La Crosse is not contributing one penny to the Christmas celebration.

At last night's council meeting Alderman Roth of the North side said enthusiasm was lacking in some quarters there because of an opinion that the city was financing the plan.

"We are not giving a cent towards it," said the mayor this morning, "all expenses being born by private individuals."

CURRENCY BILL IS PASSED BY SENATE

Goes Through Upper House 54 to 34 at Close of Long Debate Last Night

START READING BILL IN HOUSE

Senate Amendments Are Read on Floor of Lower Body Beginning Today

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 20.—The currency bill passed the senate at 7:45 last night by a vote of 54 to 34.

Eight republicans voted with the democrats. All the democrats supported the bill.

By a vote of 294 to 59, the house this morning refused to accept the senate draft of the currency bill. This means the measure will be threshed out in conference.

Hope that the bill might be hurried through the house today vanished immediately after the session opened in that body today. Representative Glass announced that no agreement among conferees, yet to be appointed by the house, could possibly be reached before Monday.

When the currency bill came before the house, Representative Hardwick objected to the senate's action in naming nine conferees.

Hardwick demanded that the house also appoint nine conferees, instead of the usual three. Glass, in charge of the measure, protested that the more conferees there were, the greater difficulty in arriving at an early adjustment of the differences between the two houses.

Representative "Alfalfa Bill" Murphy of Oklahoma then moved that the house consider the senate bill on the floor and agree to the senate amendments.

The house agreed to the first part of the motion and reading of the sixty-three pages of the Owen substitute for the house bill was begun.

The feature for guarantee of deposits seemed one likely to cause considerable debate in the house. It provides for insurance on deposits of all banks coming into the system.

After all expenses and six per cent dividends have been paid by the regional reserve banks, one-half of the remaining profits is carried to the surplus fund until that is forty per cent of the capital. One-half of the

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DIES IN CELL AT POLICE STATION

Lumberjack, Delirious from Strong Drink, Stays Days in Damp and Dingy Place

NO WAY TO CARE FOR SUCH CASES

Police Hospitals Refuse Delirium Tremens Cases without Someone to Guard Patient

Pius J. Hartlerb, taken from a Burlington train here at 10:45 o'clock Wednesday night, delirious from over indulgence in strong drink, died at central police station about 9 o'clock last night.

His body, partly on the iron "bunk" and partly on the stone floor, was found at 9:15 by Sergeant John Wendling. The coroner and district attorney were both notified and after viewing the body and hearing the circumstances decided an inquest unnecessary. County Physician R. E. Flynn pronounced the case one of acute alcoholism; he said the man had been dead for an hour.

Hartlerb, his mind wandering from the effects of the alcohol, weak from his failure to eat the rough food provided for the prisoners, spent three nights and two days in a damp, dark, foul smelling station cell.

Won't Take Cases

The police explain this by asserting that local hospitals will not take delirium cases unless the patient is accompanied by some person who will care for him.

"We had the county physician in last night," declared Captain Dugan today, "and suggested the man's removal to a hospital. Dr. Flynn informed us the hospitals wouldn't take the case. We did the best we could for him with our poor and meager accommodations.

Lived in Ohio

Hartlerb, when taken off the train, had a through ticket from Medicine Hat, Can., to Lima, Ohio. During one of his lucid intervals he told the police that he had sisters in Cincinnati, Ohio, and the chief of police there has been wired of his death.

Hartlerb was a lumberjack and before leaving for Ohio had been "swamping" in Canada.

This is the second case in recent years of a man, suffering from the tremens, dying in the police station.

$100,000 SUM INVOLVED IN BIG REAL ESTATE DEAL

J. J. Hogan Disposes of City Property Worth Approximately $41,000 to Chicago Man

BUYS BIG APARTMENT HOUSE

La Crosse Man Secures Residence in Chicago Located Near Blackstone Avenue

FACTORY BUILDINGS ARE INCLUDED

Kratchwil Plant Disposed of Together with Many Acres of City Lots; Sale Made Yesterday

A deal said to involve $100,000 was put through yesterday when J. J Hogan sold property in the city valued at approximately $41,000 and in turn purchased a Chicago apartment house located on Sixty-sixth place near Blackstone avenue, from B. Skidmore, Jr.

The deal was engineered by W. S. Anderson, La Crosse, and was consummated only after several weeks of negotiations.

The property disposed of by Mr. Hogan consists of thirty-five acres known as the Woodman tract on the Mormon Coulee road, about 30 acres east of Hogan school, a block of lots on Seventeenth street between Cass and King streets, the Kratchwil Candy company building and lot in the one hundred block on North Front street and the three story brick building and lot south of the Kratchwil factory.

The purchase of the La Crosse property by the Chicago man, it is said, will result in a local real estate boom which will see the erection of many fine residences in the eastern portion of the city as well as the building of smaller places for renters in the Woodman tract.

Means Addition

The purchase of the La Crosse property by the Skidmore people, it is said, means the plotting of another addition to the city of La Crosse. The Woodman tract, it is said, will be laid out in lots and a boom started for that end of the city as a resudence section. The tract, it is said, is especially desirable in view of the fact that lights, water and sewers are available.

HAS OWNERSHIP BILL.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Government ownership of telephones and telegraph business was sought today in a resolution introduced by Representative Lewis. He asked that the postoffice committee present to congress a bill which would take over on January 1, 1915, the country's telephone net work, and continue the operation thereafter by the government of the entire telephone and telegraph business over these lines.

AFFECT MARKET FAVORABLY

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—Settlement of the differences between the government and the American Telephone and Telegraph was reflected on the stock market today when Telephone and Western Union stock opened from one to seven points higher. The passage of the currency bill was favorably reflected in the market. All leading issues opened fractionally higher.

ALIMONY TO FOUR

FORT SMITH, Ark., Dec. 20.—Robert O'Brien, aged 60, a well to do farmer, is paying $75 a month alimony to four divorced wives.

GINK-Y DINKS



MRS. DINK SAYS:—

A man's idea of a fair exchange of Christmas presents between husband and wife is a carpet sweeper for her and a meerschaum pipe for him.



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PARCEL POST IS GIGANTIC SAVING

Saves People in No Case Less Than Half the Charges of Express Companies

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Real cash, the hard earned sort, will get Mr. Common People, his wife and their children this year through the operations of one of Uncle Sam's deparements. A brief comparison of what it cost to send gift packages by express or mail last year with the rates possible under the parcel post system this year shows how the government can aid when it is permitted to. In no instance are the express rates reduced less than one-half and in many of the amount of reduction is far more. And the money which last year went to the express companies, this year goes to the people themselves. Say for instance, that you live in Baltimore, and want to send four pounds of candy to someone in New York as a Christmas remembrance. Last year, it would have cost you, mailed, one cent an ounce. It would have cost you sixty-four cents to send four pounds by mail. By express it would have cost you for the same distance, forty cents—the expressage from Baltimore to New York for anything weighing less than five pounds. By expressing it, then, you would have saved 24 cents last year. You want to send a similar gift this year. The express rate is the same as before—40 cents for packages weighing up to five pounds. You turn to the postal rates. You find a difference in rate, and it is difference that is going to save you and everyone else a lot of money this Christmas, for you don't have to pay a 64 cent rate, as last year when you mailed it, and you don't have to pay a 40 cent rate, as you did when you expressed it last year. You pay just EIGHT cents, just one-eighth of what it cost you before to send the four pounds, five cents for the first pound and one cent a pound for every additional pound. What is more, this year you can send five pounds or fifty pounds, whereas last year you couldn't persuade any postmaster in the country to send a package if it weighed a fraction over four pounds.

To express a four pound box of candy from St. Paul to New York would cost 75 cents, more than to have mailed it last year. Now, by mailing the package, you save yourself just 38 cents, a little more than half of the express rate. Next year, thanks to the sweeping reductions in parcel post rates, the same package will cost only thirty-three cents, a saving of forty-two cents over the express rate. The new parcel post rates will become effective New Year's day.

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THE TRIBUNE'S Daily Short Story

SANTA FALLS IN LOVE

By MARY MARSHALL

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It was a week before Christmas and a soft, penetrating sleet was falling silently on the crowded city streets. Carter Thorne, just arrived from a university town of the east, pushed his way through the crowd of shoppers that surged in and out of the great department store of Thorne & Bromley and hurried to the executive offices of Mr. Thorne, half owner of the great concern.

"Mr. Thorne positively can't see any one," said the stenographer in the outer office, and then, as she recognized in the name, Carter Thorne, on the card he offered her the name of Mr. Thorne's only nephew and heir, she ushered him into Mr. Thorne's office unannounced.

"Well, uncle," said Carter, after their first warm exchange of greetings, "I have a week or more to do nothing. You seem pretty busy. Can't you let me do something."

"A man that has spent ten years in a university is a little too good for dry goods," laughed the uncle.

"Honest old man," said the nephew. "You are up to your eyes in detail here. Let me help you out."

"The trouble is you don't know the business," protested the uncle, taking up the receiver of his desk telephone, which had begun to ring. "Well, get someone else," he said over the wire. "Don't bother me with those details.' Then he hung up the receiver and laughed to his nephew. "It's funny what foolish questions some of my men will bother me about. Little things that a child could attend to. Why, here my manager of employes telephones me that the fake Santa Claus they have down in the basement toy department has left, and so he comes to me about it. The only thing to do is to get another."

"How'd I do for that job?" a sked Carter.

"What! As the manager of employes? Why you have to have years of experience right from the bottom for that."

"No, as the fake Santa Claus," said Carter. "I can wear a beard and carry a pack and talk to youngsters and give them cheap bonbons even it I am a Ph. D., can't I?"

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It was five days before Christmas and every day—every minute of the day—the crowds that thronged the basement toy department of Thorne & Bromley's grew larger. It crushed and crowded and peered into the glass cases—good natured but doggedly persistent. Every hour the air in the basement became more vitiated, and every hour the faces of the overworked girls behind the counters showed more clearly the signs of fatigue and strain. And always the center of the crowd—towering over the heads of most of the buyers—stood the fake Santa. Sometimes he would stoop to listen to some childish lisping request, or he would lift one of the youngsters up bodily from the crowd so he could have his Christmas requests. And always there were bonbons for the children and sometimes, when no one was looking, Santa would slip a toy out of his pack into the hands of a particularly shabby or forlorn-looking child.

"Isn't he just the dearest old man you ever saw?" said one of the salesgirls to her companions one day. "And he's real old, too. I don't see how he stands it. Two or three tried it and had to give it up. It's something fierce walking around with that false face and that pack on his back. But I suppose he had to do something.

A slight girl, pale but very pretty, was listening eagerly. She had been watching the fake Santa with interest ever since he came, and this was partly because the fake Santa when he wasn't besieged with small children, which wasn't very often, was looking at her. "How do you know he's old?" she asked eagerly. "He stands up straight enough."

"Because," said the first girl, "when one of the floorwalkers asked him why he didn't quit doing that and get a decent job, he said he was most too old for anything else."

That afternoon when the pretty girl—Margaret Nevin—came from her late lunch she passed close by Santa's side as she went to her counter and Santa felt a curious and unaccustomed thumping under his red flannel coat. "Here, Santa," said Margaret, "I brought you something. Do you ever eat these?" and Santa felt, as he took the little bag from her hands, three large round oranges. "If you squeeze the juice out and drink it when you get home it will make you feel rested." She laughed a sweet low laugh of sheer pleasure at the good deed she was doing and Santa pressed her small hand in appreciation. The next day Santa worked his way through the crowd and told Margaret how he had enjoyed the oranges.

"It's too bad you have to work in this basement. This close air makes you pale. Do you do it right along?"

"You see," said the girl blushing ever so slightly—she was a little loathe to talk about herself—"I just came on for the Christmas rush. I have never been at work before. I have stayed at home to keep house for my father and younger brother and sister. But now that my father isn't living I had to start out and earn what I could. So I began here. I hope they will give me a permanent position after the rush. But the girls say that unless you know a floorwalker or some one in one of the departments to ask for you it's pretty hard."

On Christmas eve at night—the last desperate hours of the rush of shoppers—Margaret came to him on her way for supper. "Where are you going to have Christmas dinner?" she asked.

"No place, specially," said Santa. He really knew that he was to be an unnecessary third party at the board of his uncle and aunt. "I have no family.'

"Would you care—care to have it with us—with my brother and sister and me? It won't be much, but we have a nice warm fire and a little tree.' And Santa promised—he tried not to appear too eager—to come to Margaret Nevin's flat the next day at noon to join in their humble festivities.

When Margaret Nevin realized the next day that the tall, young man who came to her flat was the fake Santa she had asked to Chrstmas dinner she showed a confusion that was delightful. Carter stayed and made the fourth at the simple dinner served in the little living room in their tiny flat. Carter had brought presents for the brother and sister, and when they went out after dinner was cleared away, to show them proudly to their little neighbors, Carter started to tell Margaret the good news he had brought her.

"Miss Nevin," he began, "you said that you wanted to stay with Thorne & Bromley after Christmas. I happen to be Mr. Thorne's nephew. I told you just now that my name was Mr. Carter. Well, I am Carter Thorne. I spoke to my uncle about you this morning and he has put you in charge of his toy department upstairs with a salary of about four times what you were getting."

Tears of gratitude and surprise stood out in Margaret's eyes. "And you—you, Mr. Carter Thorne—came and had Christmas dinner with us? Oh, how did I dare to ask you?"

"Now," Carter went on, "I am going to ask you not to accept the position with my uncle. I am going to ask you to marry me instead, and make me one of the happiest men in the world. Margaret, I have been watching you from under my false face every day for a week. You are the only girl I ever looked at a second time. Won't you try to like me?"

"I do like you now," said Margaret, simply. "I liked you when I thought you were a poor old man. I couldn't help it." She drew away from him with a little gesture of surprise. "I do believe I have been in love with you all the time."

Agreed With Him.

An old man said to a youth:

"My boy, when I was your age I thought, like you, that I knew it all, but now I have reached the conclusion that I know nothing."

The youth, lighting a cigarette, answered carelessly:

"H'm! I reached that conclusion about you some years ago."

ANNOUNCE NAMES OF EXAM WINNERS

MADISON, Wis., Dec. 20.—Of 314 candidates taking the examinations for general clerks and copyist clerks given by the state civil service commission on Nov. 15, 169 made the general clerk eligible list and 60 tahe copyist list. The names were announced today.

The list of the first twenty on the general clerk's roll follows in the order of rank: Elsa Sawyer, Hartford; Orville B. Porter, Mrs. Grace Hayner, Herman V. Gaertner, Harriet B. McKinley, Ada Hopkins, Arthur J. Altmeyer, Nellie E. Griffiths, Charles E. Mullen, Bessie G. Brand; Ruth A. Hames, Mildred L. Sutherland, William N. Mackin, all registered from Madison; Earl C. Hafemeister, Milwaukee; Clifton G. Deland, Madison; Rubie L. Clark, Portage; Emily E. Clark, Madison; Ina A. Zilisch, Madison; Jessie E. Wilcox, Weyauwega; Beaulah E. Hubbs, Lake Mills.

The ranking candidates on the copyist clerk list are: Florence Stephani, Madison; Ella C. Sanders, Mt. Horeb; Alister B. Alexander, Madison; Grant Van Lone, Twin Bluffs; William A. Clark, Madison; Helen M. Beatty, Madison; Jeannette Frederickson, Madison; Katherine Donovan, Madison; Raymond W. Sharp, Madison.

STATE MOOSE MAY OUST HEAD LODGE

MILWAUKEE, Dec. 20.—The Supreme Lodge, Loyal Order of Moose, will be ousted from Wisconsin and prevented from continuing its twenty subordinate lodges in the state if the legal proceedinug planned by Milwaukee Moose lodge fulfill their purpose. Initial steps looking to this end were taken last night at a largely attended meeting in Miller hall, the third that has been held by the lodge since its secession from the national order.

Officials of the lodge maintain silence as to the nature of the proceedings, but it is understood that an injunction will be obtained restraining the supreme lodge from operating in the state.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

State of Wisconsin—In Probate—La Crosse County Court.

In the matter of the estate of John S. Knutson, late of the city of La Crosse, in said County, deceased.

Letters testamentary in said matter having been granted to John Hulberg, of La Crosse, Wis., notice is hereby given that six months after the 12th day of December, A. D. 1913, are allowed to creditors to present their claims against said deceased for examination and allowance, and that said Court will on the 16th day of June, A. D. 1914, at 10 o'clock A. M. of said day, at the Court Room of said Court in the Courthouse in the City of La Crosse, in said County, examine and adjust all claims and demands of all persons against said deceased.

Dated this 12th day of Dec., 1913.

By the Court,
JOHN BRINDLEY,
County Judge.

JAMES THOMPSON,
Attorney for Estate.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

State of Wisconsin—In Probate—La Crosse County Court.

In the matter of the estate of Peter Hellem, late of the City of La Crosse, in said County, deceased.

Letters of administration in said matter having been granted to Otto M. Gilbertson, of La Crosse, Wis., notice is hereby given that six months after the 10th day of December, A. D. 1913, are allowed to creditors to present their claims against said deceased for examination and allowance; and that said Court will on the 16th day of June, A. D. 1914; at 10 o'clock A. M. of said day, at the Court Room of said Court in the Courthouse in the City of La Crosse, in said County, examine and adjust all claims and demands of all persons against said deceased.

Dated this 10th day of Dec., 1913.

By the Court,
JOHN BRINDLEY,
County Judge.

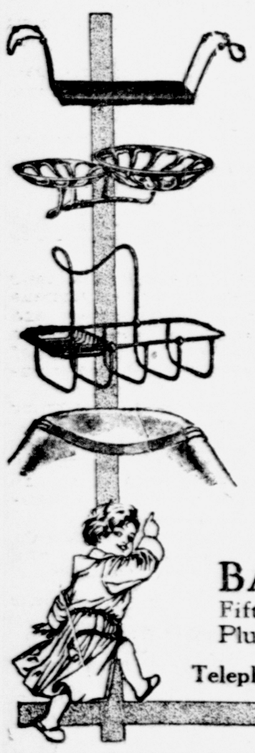
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DERAIL RUNAWAY TRAIN

JOLIET, Ill., Dec. 20.—Engineer John T. Sutherland of Rockdale, Ill., and Fireman Henry Bausell, of Blue Island, Ill., escaped death by a miracle today when a runaway freight train was derailed to prevent collision with a Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific passenger train, bound for Chicago.

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"I tried several remedies, but the trouble seemed to grow worse instead of better, and I tried several treatments which cured me for a month, but it always broke out again. One day a friend saw the advertisement of Cuticura Soap and Ointment in the paper and I sent for a sample. They helped me, so I purchased two more boxes of Cuticura Ointment and some Cuticura Soap and they completely cured me. It took three months for Cuticura Soap and Ointment to complete my cure." (Signed) Walter Mahony, Oct. 22, 1912.

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A Gray Bird Was Flying Overhead.

JACK and Evelyn had been playing circus all day. Jack had been the big man who stands in the middle of the ring and cracks his whip, while Evelyn had turned somersaults and made pretty bows. They told daddy all about it when he came home that evening, so he said:

"As you're so fond of circus performing I will certainly have to tell you about the circus the animals gave.

"Cub Bear got it all up, and every animal who went to it had to first agree to do something. And it really was a most marvelous circus. They all marched around in a parade, while the little bears beat the drums. The rabbits rode on the backs of the possums, and the monkeys rode on the backs of the elephants. The chipmunks drove chariots which were drawn by the gray squirrels, and the clowns were the frogs. The rest of the animals caught hands and followed in the march. They laughed and shouted and enjoyed themselves immensely.

"Then all took their seats and one by one did some sort of an act. The monkeys won a great deal of applause by their trapeze acting. Cub Bear walked a rope and danced around on his hind legs. The bunnies rode bicycles, but that ended sadly, as one of them—a son of old Peter Rabbit, who was renowned for his bicycle riding—in trying to show off fell and skinned his nose. All the other animals gathered around to see what they could do, while the bunny moaned and moaned.

"A gray bird flying over the tent heard the sound of moans and cries and flew in to see what the trouble was, for he was a very kind hearted bird. He saw that the bunny was really more frightened than hurt, and with his wings he wiped off the blood from the rabbit's face. The blood stain never got off the wings of the bird, so ever after he and his family became known as the redbirds.

"The bunny fully recovered and once more felt like himself; but, of course, after the accident, the animals didn't care to go on performing, so they all sat around the center of the tent and had a most glorious picnic. Refreshments of all kinds were passed around.

"They had pink lemonade, peanuts, popcorn, ice cream cones and water taffy. After they'd finished eating they sang all the old time songs and frisked about, playing and dancing. Bunny Rabbit, who felt quite spry again, frisked about, too, and the redbird flew overhead, flapping his wings with joy, for he was so glad everything had turned out so merrily.

"The circus proved such a success and the animals were in such high spirits that they then and there decided to have a circus every year."

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NOVEMBER Daily Average **7,585**

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4—Tues.	7586	19—Wed.	7588
5—Wed.	7578	20—Thurs.	7571
6—Thurs.	7578	21—Fri.	7583
7—Fri.	7582	22—Sat.	7594
8—Sat.	7567	23—Sun.	
9—Sun.		24—Mon.	7599
10—Mon.	7574	25—Tues.	7587
11—Tues.	7597	26—Wed.	7587
12—Wed.	7593	27—Thurs.	7596
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I, Frank H. Burgess, business manager of The La Crosse Tribune, do solemnly swear that the actual number of copies of the paper named, printed and circulated during the month of November, 1913 was as above stated.

Frank H. Burgess

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 1st day of December, 1913.

A. E. BLEEKMAN, Notary Public.

THERE IS A MEANING IN THIS MADNESS

The Chicago Inter-Ocean, which prides itself upon being the only old-line, Hanna-Platt republican paper that never for an instant has been tinctured with "progressivism," attempts to laugh the American Society of Equity's co-operative packing plant out of court with a perfectly mirthless editorial. Its bitterness outcropping, the painfully abortive effort at humor begins by stating the case as follows:

"La Crosse, Wis., which considers itself the most progressive city in the most progressive state of the most progressive senator is going to solve the high-cost-of-meat problem. Let La Crosse do it!"

Following this sparkling witicism, the Inter-Ocean proceeds to make the fact that reduced supply and increased consumption have contributed to the increase in meat prices, its sufficient and conclusive explanation of the whole pesky business, but in ironically wishing the madcap co-operation scheme success, it trifles with that which has become material for an embarrassing suspicion. This is the crack of the whip which it lays on the back of the Equity farmers:

"And we are so full of good wishes for the success of the La Crosse experiment that we hope even the beef trust will get justice—in case it should turn out that the packers are not entirely to blame for the high cost of meat."

Yes; indeed! Of the "good wishes" of which the Inter-Ocean is "full" none is more ardent than its "hope" for the beef trust, albeit it is a trifle careless in its use of the word "justice." However, the Inter-Ocean is a good lackey, and need we complain if the servant does his master's bidding!

No doubt the Inter-Ocean, had it gone into detail, would have held the decreased production and increased population responsible for the fact that while live hogs have been selling about $2.00 and dressed hogs about $2.50 less per cwt. since September 1, pork has been 80 cents per bbl. higher; no doubt it would have advanced that same reason for the fact that while live hogs are selling about $2.25 and dressed hogs about $2.80 less than they brought in October, 1910, pork per bbl. is $2.10 higher.

The Inter-Ocean knows what it wants, and what it wants is NOT co-operative packing plants. In fact, it objects to them about $40,000,000 worth per three months. For, look you! this difference of about $5 per hog applied to the three-months receipts of hogs at the western packing plants, which total approximately 8,000,000, foots up that very handsome figure as what the meat trust has taken from the farmer and consumer by artificial manipulation of the market, but could not have taken had the farmers owned their own co-operative plants. Verily, $40,000,000 in ninety days is some melon; no wonder the packers are fussed over the absurd idea of Mr. Farmer that "enough is plenty."

APPRECIATION OF OUR "RICH" MEN

It is the habit of communities to criticise their wealthier citizens. That is one of the penalties of opulence. They refuse to do this, and they refuse to do that, with their money, and the populace feels hurt by the lack of generosity and public spirit.

Could every individual know enough of the private affairs of their "rich" neighbors, doubtless much of the adverse criticism would be changed to sympathy. Could they realize how, day after day, and every day, these men are importuned to lend financial support for things shading from the schemes of cranks through the various degrees of legitimate enterprises from the impracticable to the sound and genuine, up to colossal undertakings beyond even their liberal means, until wealth comes to seem very like a burden, our people would be less ready to complain and accuse them.

The situation would be less trying for the men of means were we as ready to credit the good deeds they do as to complain when to them it has seemed best to withhold their support. La Crosse presents a fine illustration of this tendency. Our wealthier citizens have been most generous with this city. They have given a total of more than $350,000 for parks alone. While men of all classes have helped, they gave a large portion of the cost of our splendid Y. M. C. A. building. Our school system is beneficiary of their generosity by large sums. And, in addition, the total of their contributions to charities and their aid to private citizens in distress, would run up a sum that would prove astounding to people who do not realize that the bulk of these smaller gifts are made with strict injunctions as to secrecy.

We believe that could the entire amount given to various causes by from a dozen to a score of La Crosse families be summed up, and the figures made public, the knowledge would create appreciation of their generosity approaching enthusiasm in its intensity. We wish it might be done; it would result in a valuable intensifying of the "community spirit" which we are seeking to inspire.

"WHY IS THE OCEAN SO NEAR THE SHORE?"

Purely disinterested parties like lake navigation companies are much aroused over what they term "the failure of the La Follette seaman bill to discriminate between the demands of safety upon the ocean and upon the great lakes." Obviously, they regard the necessities of the lake steamers as the lesser requirement, and correspondingly cheaper.

Without having studied the subject, we are prepared to admit that the danger of drowning in mid-lake is less than that in mid-ocean. It stands to reason that a man has a better chance of swimming three hundred miles than three thousand, and in addition, death by drowning is less painful in fresh than in salt water.

Indeed, that these precautions on both ocean and lake are as unnecessary as they are expensive is suggested by the words of Blanche Ring's popular song, "Why is the ocean so near the shore?" Of course it was arranged to have shores on every body of water so that one may land rather than drown. What sense is there in anybody drowning in an ocean that touches the land on all sides? A life preserver is a molly-coddle, anyway.

New Yorkers are so afraid of being imposed upon that they refuse to believe anybody, even if he says he has committed murder.

If the Utah bandit doesn't succumb to dynamite, they might try liberating a germ-laden house fly in the mine.

Naturally the comptroller has to find the per capita currency before Christmas if at all.

Was Up Early

"Did you come out well on Christmas, Willie?" asked the Sunday school teacher.

"Yes, 'm. I got more than any of my brothers and sisters," replied Willie jubilantly.

"Indeed! How did that happen?"

"I got up two hours before they did."

Quips and Cranks and Wanton Wiles

The Kid's Mystery

There's somethin' doin' in our flat,
'Taint like it used to be;
There seems to be some secret that
They're keepin' 'way from me.
They're whisperin' from morn to night,
It makes me gol ding sick;
For every time I come in sight
They all shet up right quick.

It seems like I can't go about
The rooms or anywhere,
Unless somebody has to shout,
"You mustn't go in there."
Pa's room is locked up like a jail,
It never was before;
And ma, she hollers and turns pale
If I go near the door.

But when they think that I'm in bed,
These fine December nights,
I'm underneath the lounge instead,
A-seein' all the sights
That in the sittin' room are shoyn
When dad unwraps the stuff.
I let 'em think they are alone,
So you can hang their bluff.
When I've snuck back and closed my eyes
In bed, I can't help think
Of pa and ma's great big surprise
And I can't sleep a kink.
They're handing me an awful game,
And I'm dead wise this year,
But I'm right tickled just the same
That Christmas morn is near.

Enjoying the Scenery

Never had the engine run better. The huge car raced along the road, raising the dust in clouds and flitting past mile stones with an easy regularity almost monotonous.

"Ah," gasped the driver as the car battled with the wind which swept the high ground where for miles around the surrounding country could be seen, "this is the place for view—eh, my boy? Have you ever come across such a landscape as that before?"

Almost lost in the roaring of the wind came his friend's hoarse grumble:

"Never! I've already had a good deal more than I can swallow."

Overlooked

"There are a number of things which go to the making of a new opera," remarked the director as he smoothed the fingers of his white kid gloves. "There's the music and the story and the cast and the leading tenor. And there's the temper of the audience."

"Why forget the greatest influence?"

"What's that?"

"The ticket speculator."

And the director tore savagely at an obstinate glove button and went his way.—Cleveland Plaindealer.

Perils of Drink

The late James R. Keane, himself almost a Forty-niner, used to tell many a story about the characters of those days.

"It was difficult then," he once said, "to be a temperance man, for to refuse to drink with a Forty-niner was a serious offense.

"A Forty-niner, twirling his long, drooping mustache, said to a tenderfoot in a barroom:

"'Have some red-eye with me.'

"'Thank you—no,' said the tenderfoot, a total abstainer, firmly.

"There was a tense silence in the crowded bar. A pin could have been heard to drop. Then the Forty-niner reached back to his hip pocket and said with a weary sigh:

"'Well, can't I even take a drink without killin' a man'"—Everybody's Magazine.

Force of Habit Only

It was a street car conductor's duties in the church of which he was a member to take up the collection one day, and, as it happened, his first experience of such duties. He was a little nervous as he started down the center of the aisle, but that soon wore off and he began to feel almost at home.

There were several children in the front row. Each put in a penny. The persons in the next row also contributed something each.

A big, glum fellow sat alone in the third pew. The new collector passed him the plate, but the man shook his head and stuck his hands deep into his pockets.

Thereupon our friend, the conductor stopped, put up his hand as if to jerk the bell cord and said:

"Well, you'll have to get off."—National Monthly.

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SENATOR'S DAUGHTER A WASHINGTON BUD



Miss Genevieve Walsh.

Miss Genevieve Walsh, daughter of the democratic U. S. senator from Montana and Mrs. Thomas J. Walsh, has recently arrived in Washington with her mother and will be one of the administration girls to make their bow to society this winter.

RECKLESS DRIVER GETS ONE YEAR

MILWAUKEE, Dec. 20.—Judge Turner, presiding in criminal court late on Friday, closed a case unparalleled in the annals of Wisconsin courts by sending to prison for a term of one year an automobile driver who, in a reckless race along a country road, slew a 4 year old girl.

Finding Roman Schubert guilty of manslaughter in the fourth degree he sentenced him to serve a year in the Green Bay reformatory. The defendant's reputation and good character, as testified to by Milwaukeeans of unquestionable repute, alone saved him from conviction of manslaughter in a higher degree, according to Judge Turner's statement.

REFUSE PHOTO COPIES

MADISON, Wis., Dec. 20. — The states of Pennsylvania and Illinois have refused to accept copies of articles of incorporation from the secretary of state in Wisconsin that are not typewritten. Over a year ago to facilitate the handling of records the state purchased a machine to photograph copies of records. These photographic copies are always certified to by the secretary of state. The secretary of state of Illinois was the first to refuse to accept the copies tendered him of some articles of a foreign incorporation filed here that had been photographed, claiming that such copies were not permissible under the statutes. Since then Pennsylvania has made a similar refusal. Practically all of the other states have accepted the Wisconsin method claiming that it is a great improvement over the typewritten page.

No Hitch in the Program

A characteristic story of the late Joseph Pulitzer about himself was once relating to an occurrence which took place after he had become editor and part proprietor of the Westliche Post. He had given great offense to a certain judge in St. Louis and the latter declared one day from the bench that before the sun set he would seek out Pulitzer and shoot him down like a dog. If my memory serves me, Mr. Pulitzer was in court when this threat was made—in any case it came to his ears—and he immediately issued an "Extra" announcing the proposed assassination and stating that he would remain in his office until the setting of the sun in order that no hitch might occur in the program.—Alleyne Ireland in the January Metropolitan.

Saves Him.

"How did Sniggsley ever get his reputation for the possession of great wisdom?"

"His wife talks so much that he never gets a chance to expose his ignorance."—Chicago Record-Herald.

Seven Keys To Baldpate

The New Sensational Comedy



With a Laugh in Every Line

By Earl Derr Biggers

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"A fascinating pursuit," laughed Mr. Magee. "I'm glad you've told me about it, and I shall watch the progress of the work with interest. Although I can't say that I entirely agree with you. Here and there is a woman who more than makes amends for whatever trouble her sisters have caused. One, for instance, with golden hair, and eyes that, when they weep—"

"You're young," interrupted the little man, rising. "There ain't no use to debate it with you. I might as well try to argue with a storm at sea. Some men keep the illusion to the end of their days, and I hope you're one. I reckon I'll start your fire."

He went into the outer room, and Mr. Magee lay for a few moments listening to his preparations about the fireplace. This was comfort, he thought. And yet, something was wrong. Was it the growing feeling of emptiness inside? Undoubtedly. He sat up in bed and leaning over, gazed into the hermit's basket. The packages he saw there made his feeling of emptiness the more acute.

"I say, Mr. Peters," he cried, leaping from bed and running into the other room, where the hermit was persuading a faint blaze, "I've an idea. You can cook, can't you?"

"Cook?" repeated the hermit. "Well, yes, I've had to learn a few things about it, living far from the rathskellars the way I do."

"The very man," rejoiced Mr. Magee. "You must stay here and cook for me—for us."

"Us?" asked the hermit, staring.

"Yes. I forgot to tell you. After Mr. Quimby left me last night, two other amateur hermits hove in view. One is a haberdasher with a broken heart—"

"Woman," cried the triumphant Peters.

"Name, Arabella," laughed Magee. "The other's a college professor who made an indiscreet remark about blondes. You won't mind them, I'm sure, and they may be able to help you a lot with your great work."

"I don't know what Quimby will say," studied the hermit. "I reckon he'll run 'em out. He's against this thing—afraid of fire."

"Quimby will come later, Mr. Magee assured him, drawing on a dressing-gown. "Just now the idea is a little water in yonder tub, and a nice cheerful breakfast after. It's going to pay you a lot better than selling post-cards to romantic ladies, I promise. I won't take you away from a work for which the world is panting without more than making it up to you financially. Where do you stand as a coffee maker?"

"Wait till you taste it," said Peters reassuringly. "I'll bring you up some water."

He started for the door, but Mr. Magee preceded him.

"The haberdasher," he explained, "sleeps below, and he's a nervous man. He might commit the awful error of shooting the only cook on Baldpate Mountain."

Mr. Magee went out into the hall and called from the depths the figure of Bland, fully attired in his flashy garments, and looking tawdry and tired in the morning light.

"I've been up hours," he remarked. "Heard somebody knocking round the kitchen, but I ain't seen any breakfast brought in on a silver tray. My inside feels like the Mammoth Cave."

Mr. Magee introduced the Hermit of Baldpate.

"Pleased to meet you," said Bland. "I guess it was you I heard in the kitchen. So you're going to cater to this select few, are you? Believe me, you can't get on the job any too soon to suit me."

Out of a near-by door stepped the black-garbed figure of Professor Thaddeus Bolton, and him Mr. Magee included in the presentation ceremonies. After the hermit had disappeared below, burdened with his market basket and the supplies Mr. Magee had brought the night before, the three amateurs at the hermit game gathered by the fire in number seven, and Mr. Bland spoke feelingly:

"I don't know where you plucked that cook, but believe me, you get a vote of thanks from yours truly. What is he—an advertisement for a hair restorer?"

"He's a hermit," explained Magee, "and lives in a shack near the mountain-top. Hermits and barbers aren't supposed to mix. He's also an author, and is writing a book in which he lays all the trouble of the ages at the feet of women. Please treat him with the respect all these dignified activities demand."

"A writer, you say," commented Professor Bolton. "Let us hope it will not interfere with his cooking abilities. For even I, who am not much given to thought about material things, must admit the presence of a gnawing hunger within."

They talked little, being men unfed, while Jake Peters started proceedings in the kitchen, and also tramped up-stairs with many pails of water. Mr. Magee requested warm water for shaving; whereupon he was regarded with mingled emotions by his companions.

"You ain't going to see any skirts up here," Mr. Bland promised him. And Mr. Peters, bringing the water from below, took occasion to point out that shaving was one of man's troubles directly attributable to woman's presence in the world.

At length the hermit summoned them to breakfast, and as they descended the broad stair the heavenly odor of coffee sent a glow to their hearts. Peters had built a rousing fire in the big fireplace opposite the clerk's desk in the office, and in front of this he had placed a table which held promise of satisfactory breakfast. As the three sat down, Mr. Bland spoke:

"I don't know about you, gentlemen, but I could fall on Mr. Peters' neck and call him blessed."

The gentleman thus referred to served them genially. He brought to Mr. Magee, between whom and himself he recognized the tie of authorship, a copy of a New York paper that he claimed to get each morning from the station agent, and which helped him greatly, he said, in his eternal search for the woman. As the meal passed, Mr. Magee glanced it through. Twice he looked up from it to study keenly his queer companions at Baldpate Inn. Finally he handed it across the table to the haberdasher. The dull yellow sun of a winter morning drifted in from the white outdoors; the fire sputtered gaily in the grate. Also, Mr. Peters' failing for literature interfered in no way with his talents as cook. The three finished the repast in great good humor, and Mr. Magee handed around cigars.

(To be Continued)

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Prof. Prescott, of the University of Michigan, explains why Royal Baking Powder adds healthful qualities to the food.

Testifying before the Pure Food Committee of Congress, the Professor stated that fruit acids were excellent articles of food and that of these cream of tartar, the acid of grapes, held rank with the highest both in itself and its effect in the process of leavening and baking. He regarded the results from cream of tartar baking powder as favorable to health. Scientists and hygienists are in accord with this opinion.

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End such misery now! Get the small bottle of "Ely's Cream Balm" at any drug store. This sweet, fragrant balm dissolves by the heat of the nostrils; penetrates and heals the inflamed, swollen membrane which lines the nose, head and throat; clears the air passages; stops nasty discharges and a feeling of cleansing, soothing relief comes immediately.

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Put your faith—just once—in "Ely's Cream Balm" and your cold or catarrh will surely disappear

Financial Truths For The New Year Start

Here we all are again—facing a New Year. Most of us will renew resolves—resolves we failed to keep on former New Year occasions.

Many resolves are money resolves. If you vowed to save last year, and didn't—try again—but try this time with the aid of a Savings Account.

By preparing a place to put the money, you remove most of the difficulties that attend its accumulation. So before resolving to save this year, come here with one dollar, deposit it, and thus make your Savings Resolve mean something.

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STATE INSISTS ON CORRECT WEIGHING

MADISON, Wis., Dec. 20. — State cognizance of short weight in the sale of building materials, including sand, gravel and crushed stone, is being brought to the attention of dealers and contractors by the weights and measures department of the government. It has been customary for many dealers to make their own definition of the quantity constituting the cubic yard, the amount being called 2,500, 2,600 and 2,700 pounds according to different dealers. The legal quantity is larger than the last named amount. The law fixes a cubic yard at 27 cubic feet.

Chief Inspector F. P. Downing, who is bringing these matters to the attention of dealers, says that many wagons carry sand and other building materials when they are often short. State and city sealers are required to test these vehicles to see that the capacity in cubic yards is plainly and conspicuously marked on one side of the boxes of the vesicles. Some wagon boxes are found short five or six cubic feet on 27.

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WOMAN ALLEGED SLAYER

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 20.—Charged with forgery, Mrs. M. C. Black, reported to be the wife of a rich Chicago man, is under arrest here today.

XMAS VESPERS AT THE Y. W. C. A.

The vespers at the Youg Women's Christian association at four o'clock Sunday afternoon will be in the nature of a Christmas service. Mrs. H. C. Stevens will lead the meeting, and Miss Hazel Clark will sing.

This will be the last vesper services at the association for this year, the next meeting to be held on the first Sunday in January.

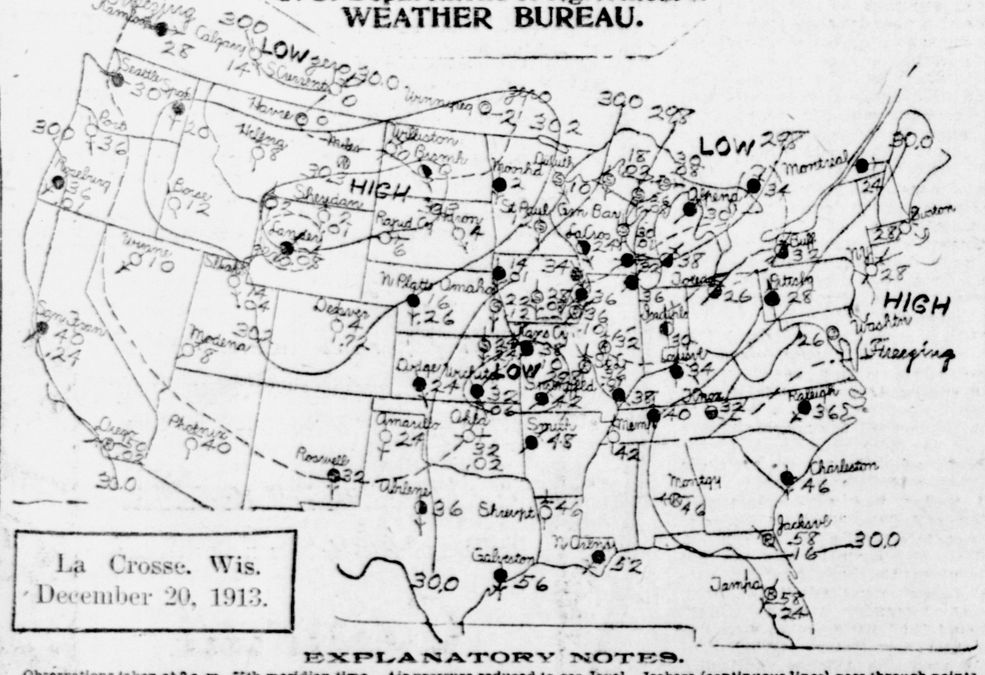
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December 20, 1913.

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Observations taken at 8 a. m., 75th meridian time. Air pressure reduced to sea level. Isobars (continuous lines) pass through points of equal air pressure. Isotherms (dotted lines) pass through points of equal temperature; drawn only for zero, freezing, 90°, and 100°. ○ clear; ◒ partly cloudy; ● cloudy; Ⓡ rain; Ⓢ snow; Ⓜ report missing. Arrows fly with the wind. First figures, lowest temperature past 12 hours; second, precipitation of .01 inch or more for past 24 hours; third, maximum wind velocity.

	(LO)	(HI)	(P)		(LO)	(HI)	(P)		(LO)	(HI)	(P)
Boston	28	34	0	La Crosse	24	46	0	Boise	12	30	0
Charleston	46	56	0	Madison	32	38	0	Denver	4	24	.72
New York	28	36	0	Memphis	42	50	0	Helena	8	30	0
Washington	26	42	0	Milwaukee	32	40	0	Miles City	..	24	..
Galveston	56	58	0	Bismarck	0	24	0	Portland, Ore.	36	44	0
Jacksonville	58	72	.16	Huron	4	34	0	Spokane	20	32	0
New Orleans	52	56	0	Kansas City	38	48	.10	Medicine Hat	4	24	0
Chicago	36	42	0	St. Paul	12	40	0				

BE PRETTY! TURN GRAY HAIR DARK

Try Grandmother's old Favorite Recipe of Sage Tea and Sulphur

Almost everyone knows that Sage Tea and Sulphur, properly compounded, brings back the natural color and lustre to the hair when faded, streaked or gray; also ends dandruf, itching scalp and stops falling hair. Years ago the only way to get this mixture was to make it at home which is mussy and troublesome. Nowadays, by asking at any drug store for "Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur Hair Remedy," you will get a large bottle of this famous old recipe for about 50 cents.

Don't stay gray! Try it! No one can possibly tell that you darkened your hair, as it does it so naturally and evenly. You dampen a sponge or soft brush with it and draw this through your hair, taking one small strand at a time; by morning the gray hair disappears, and after another application or two, your hair becomes beautifully dark, thick and glossy.

North Side Briefs

A good show at Dreamland.

Mrs. O. Swenson, Dickinson, N. D., is the guest of relatives on the north side.

F. Smith, 1342 Avon street, has left for a visit in Savanna.

L. Stevenson, 1410 Berlin street, has left for a few days stay in St. Paul.

Miss Ellen Lee, 1408 Berlin street was pleasantly surprised by the girls of the Lutheran hospital. The surprise was in the form of a parcel shower. A six o'clock dinner was served the guests.

G. Hickey, 1612 George street, has left for a few days' stay in Savanna, Ill.

J. Gilberg, 1411 Berlin street, has left for a few days' visit in Cochrane, Wis.

Miss Nealie Nelson has left for a visit in River Falls.

Miss Josephine Crowe has left for Madison to spend her Christmas vacation.

Lester Mickelberg entertained the Young People's society of the George Street Lutheran church Friday evening in the church parlors.

Miss Verna Boyle has returned to her home at 1216 Caledonia street, after a visit with friends and relatives in St. Paul and Minneapolis.

Miss Ida Beirdeman, 1542 Berlin street, will leave tomorrow for Bagley, where she will spend a few days with friends and relatives.

Miss Ida Evans, 1706 Charles St., will leave soon for Oklahoma, where she will spend the winter.

Miss Ella Manke, Stoddard, is visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Manke, 920 Avon street.

Mr. Loren Van Gordon, who has been attending the Normal school here, has accepted a position as principal of a school at Cornell, Wis., where he will begin New Year's. He and his family left the city yesterday morning. They have been guests at the home of Lettie Davis on Loomis street and have also visited at the home of Mrs. Jane Corydon and Mr. Frank Harlman's at Onalaska.

Miss Orabelle Sullivan, 317 Mill street, is the guest of friends and relatives in Minneapolis.

Miss Veronica Murphy, Holmen, is spending a few days at her home, 1933 Charles street.

Mrs. E. Humphrey and daughter Gertrude, 1538 George street, are the guests of friends and relatives in St. Paul.

J. N. TITTMORE TO OPPOSE REILLY

MADISON, Wis., Dec. 20.—James N. Tittemore of Poygun, was in Madison calling on friends in the state house. He had a long conference with Gov. McGovern.

Mr. Tittemore will seek the republican nomination in the Sixth district. He was defeated at the primaries by James H. Davidson in 1912 and the latter was defeated by M. K. Reilly, a Fond du Lac democrat, in the ensuing election.

Mr. Tittemore will go after the nomination again and says he can beat Reilly in 1914.

JUST OUT OF JAIL HELD FOR THEFT

A man giving his name as Richard Butler, and his home as Milwaukee was arrested yesterday afternoon by north side police, after several attempts to sell a valuable overcoat for the price of a "grub stake." Butler is alleged to have stolen the coat from Michael Clark in the Wisconsin house. Clark is a resident of La Crescent. Butler has just been released from a twenty-day jail term.

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North Side

XMAS TRAFFIC SHOWS INCREASE

Milwaukee Passenger Train No. 6 to Run in Two Sections to Accommodate Travel

Passenger train No. 6 on the C., M. & St. P. railroad, arriving in the city east bound at 12:30 in the afternoon, will be run in two sections until the day before Christmas. There is a probability, say the officials of the road of the train being run in three sections.

This is to be done on account of the heavy traffic of passengers bound for the east from points all over the northwest, on their way to spend the Christmas holidays.

All railroads passing through the city are reporting heavier passenger traffic this season than at a corresponding time last year. This, declare the railroads, points to an abundance of money.

The Milwaukee freight business is slow, due especially to the road still running summer freight trains. Officials say if the cold snap that struck here last night keeps up, their trains will double in number within a short time, as the long trains are forced to be split up in freezing weather.

ICEMEN PREPARE FOR THE HARVEST

Iceboat Appears on Marsh Between North and South Sides and Black River Freezes

A strange sight greeted the eyes of north bound street car passengers early this morning when they say a full rigged ice boat making it way across the marsh to the west of the causeway. At the same time, and but a few rods distant, the La Crosse river was running its usual way, with not a sign of ice on it.

The marsh has kept its thin coating of ice during the recent warm snap, and last night froze to the depth of three or four inches. Black river is frozen in places.

Concluding the warm weather is over for the 1913 season, ice men are making preparations for their winter ice cutting.

GETS TWO BEQUESTS IN BRIEF TIME

JANESVILLE, Wis., Dec. 20.—tI is not often that bequests from two almost unknown or forgotten friends come into one household within a few weeks even in the realm of fiction, but this is what happened to Mrs. Frank Sievert.

A few weeks ago a published article asking for information as to her whereabouts led to the discovery that she was left a sum of money by a Mrs. Kittle, who had died some months ago in Minneapolis, and whom she had befriended years ago.

Now comes the second surprise in the shape of an announcement that Mrs. Sievert is the heir to an estate, estimated at some $40,000, left by the late F. D. Slade, Lansing, Mich. Mr. Slade, like Mrs. Kittle, was a friend of Mrs. Sievert when she lived near Clinton.

JOHNSON LEAVES MILWAUKEE SCHOOL

A. A. Johnson, formerly in charge of the La Crosse County Agricultural school, has resigned his position as head of the Milwaukee county institution and has accepted a lucrative position at an institution on Long Island.

DIEN WHEN ENGINE FALLS

LIMA, Ohio, Dec. 20.—C. L. Sawyer, engineer, was killed and Harry Neal, fireman, was fatally hurt when a switch engine on the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton railroad fell thirty-five feet when a coal dock collapsed.

WOODMEN ATTENTION.

All members of Black River Camp No. 507, Modern Woodmen of America, are requested to meet at Woodmen hall on Rose street, Sunday afternoon, Dec. 21, at 1 o'clock to attend the funeral of our late Neighbor John Kneebes.

THOS. E. TULLY,
Venerable Consul.

SUMMONS.

State of Wisconsin, in Circuit Court for La Crosse County.

Christina Cole, Plaintiff, vs. Bert Cole, Defendant.

The State of Wisconsin to the Said Defendant:

You are hereby summoned to appear within twenty days after service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service, and defend the above entitled action in the court aforesaid; and in case of your failure so to do judgment will be rendered against you according to the demand of the complaint, of which a copy is herewith served upon you.

MAHONEY & SCHUBERT,
Plaintiff's Attorney.

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SCHWAB MARRIAGE WRECKED

CHICAGO, Dec. 20.—Henry C. Schwab, vice president of Rothschild & Co., owners of a string of department stores, will not contest the suit for divorce filed by Mrs. Maude Morris Schwab, who alleges desertion, it was understood today. Mrs. Schwab is a daughter of the late Nelson Morris.

What a poor opinion the good Lord would have of Himself if He answered all of the fool prayers that are sent to headquarters.

Any artist can make his model stand around, unless he happens to be married to her.

GIRL ELOPER CAUGHT

WAUSAU, Wis., Dec. 20.—"He said he loved me and would buy me fine clothes and show me city life. I was tired of drudgery on the farm and I decided to go with him. I loved him and he was kind to me."

Held here as a witness, after her sensational disappearance aroused the entire Birnham Wood countryside last night, Clara Betts, 15, a pretty little country girl, today sobbed her story to the authorities while Wesley Newbolt, with whom she attempted to elope, was lodged in jail, pending his arraignment this afternoon on a white slavery charge.

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SHANK JOINS HOBO UNION

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 20.—Hoboes' union of America, Local No. 4, has elected Mayor Lew Shank of this city, a member, at his own request. Shank opens on Monday a week's engagement in a local theater as monologuist and hoboes here have accepted his ivitation to attend in a body.

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Polly Wanted Eats not Talks

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—Rescued after two days in a fire gutted house, Mrs. Emma Suckow's Polly greeted her joyous cry with "Aw, shut up! The eats! Bring on the eats."

Morgan Building "New Haven Terminal"

NEW YORK.—Wall street wags have christened the new J. P. Morgan & Co. building "The New Haven Terminal."

Discoverer Not Honored

ROME.—Signor Geria, who discovered the "Mona Lisa" in Florence received only the order of public instruction. Officials of France and Italy who took charge of the painting got the Legion of Honor.

Bryan Wants Grape Juice Tree

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Secretary Bryan admitted the joke was on him when he spoke of planting a "grape juice tree," meaning "grape fruit tree."

Underwear Fits Says Court

CLEVELAND, O.—When a municipal court judge decided Louis Herman's underwear was a perfect fit and ordered him to pay $15 to the haberdasher suing him, Herman declared he would appeal the case.

Meteors Shower Town

MARIETTA, O.—Residents of Waterford, near here, were panic stricken when a shower of meteors, some as large as apples, fell into the town. Women and children rushed from their homes, screaming with fear.

Urges Blood and Thunder Moods

LOS ANGELES.—Mae Schreiber, educational lecturer, described dime novels and love tales for growing boys and girls to promote the growth of red blooded men and women.

Runs Laundry in Cell

NEW YORK.—Ambrose Hawkins, charged with drunkenness, was caught washing his underwear in his cell. Judge Scully fined him $13 for operating a laundry without a license.

Asks $5,000 For Dentist's Kiss

MILWAUKEE, Wis. — Alleging that he kissed her while crowning a tooth, Mrs. Anna Johnson sued Dr. Gilbert I. Wenker, a dentist, for $5,000 damages.

Society

DUTCH LUNCH

Mrs. A. A. Maurer entertained a party of fifteen at a Dutch lunch at her rooms last evening.

LA CROSSE WOMAN'S CLUB

The La Crosse Woman's club was entertained Wednesday afternoon by Mrs. Frank W. Allen, 433 Mill street. Members of the club responded to roll call with quotations on Christmas. The program was as follows: Paper, "Influence of Christmas in the Home," Mrs. Pope; paper, "Origin of the Christmas Tree," Mrs. Bullock; "Should Children Believe in Santa Claus," general discussion; music, Christmas Songs, Mrs. Betsinger.

SOCIAL BRIEFS

Mr. Robert Keyes and his brother Jack arrived home from their school at Sweetwater, Tenn., Wednesday night.

Mr. Nathaniel Tourtellotte of Williams, Col., arrived yesterday in La Crosse. Mayor Augustus Tourtellotte of Valier, Mont., will arrive Monday morning. Both will spend the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mills Tourtellotte.

Mrs. W. R. Sill and Miss Sill will leave tonight for Saranac, N. Y., where they will spend the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Palmer. Later they will go to New York, where they will spend the winter.

Mr. McKenzie Thompson, who is attending Cornell university, is home for the holidays.

XMAS RUSH CAUSES CLERK'S COLLAPSE

CHICAGO, Dec. 20.—Weary from a strenuous night at the postoffice where he handled a record number of Christmas packages, Henry J. Ross, a postoffice clerk today leaped or fell from a platform of the South Side elevated railway in front of an approaching train. Two inches from Mr. Ross's body the train was brought to a standstill. He was unconscious but was revived with the aid of a pulmotor.

DENVER ESCAPES TIE-UP

DENVER, Col., Dec. 20.—Street car traffic was restored to normal here today following the passing of the second severe snowstorm in ten days. Eight inches of snow fell yesterday, making a total snowfall so far this month of 55.7 inches. The second snow did not pack down like the first and was more easily handled.

Shakespeare's Name.

It has often been a puzzle to students of Shakespeare why his name is spelled in so many different ways. Shakespeare himself is said to have signed his name on different occasions "Shakspeare" and "Shakespere," and learned disquisitions have been written to prove which is the proper spelling. None perhaps was more amusing than the "weather" reason given in 1851 by Albert Smith, who averred that he had found it in the Harleian manuscript. It was as follows:

How dyd Shakspeare spell hys name?
Ye weatherre mayde ye change, we saye,
So write it as ye please;
When ye sonne shone he mayde hys A;
When wette he took hys E'es.

Egg Test For Golfers.

A brand new beginner on a brand new golf course in the southwest of London, writes a Pall Mall Gazette reader, was having a particularly trying experience on a hole laid across a well meaning but exasperating plowed field. When he did not miss the ball he hit the ground behind it. His caddie, summing up the position with his cold, professional eye, savagely remarked to his companion: "My word! It wouldn't cost him much if he was playin' with new laid eggs!"

Belled Cattle.

Swiss cowbells have been introduced into the Himalayas as protection for cattle against tigers.

Strong Blood

Or weak blood governs for good or ill every part of the body. The medicine that makes weak blood pure and strong is HOOD'S SARSAPARILLA. For over a third of a century it has been the leading blood purifier.

Look In My Show Windows

and see if you can't find a suitable gift. They are all price tagged, so you can pick just what you like. Also have a nice new stock of hair brushes, combs, mirrors, cloth brushes, perfumeries in fancy boxes and fancy stationery suitable for Christmas presents, at all prices. Also canes, spectacles, razors, pipes and pocket knives.

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DRESSED AS KIDS "Y" GIRLS FROLIC

Annual Christmas Tree Party of Y. W. C. A. Attended by Santa Claus and Youngsters

There were "girlies" small and "girlies" tall, in fact every kind of girls at the Young Women's Christian association last night, as well as many of their older sisters.

The occasion was the annual Christmas tree party of the association. Many of the girls attending took advantage of the opportunity to renew childhood days, and came dressed as children. Santa Claus (Miss Amanda Clement) was present and opened and displayed the gifts which were placed upon the Christmas tree for the association.

Games were played about the smaller tree in the center of the gymnasium and a short musical program was given by the L. U. B. A. club, following which everyone present joined in singing a number of Christmas carols.

The L. U. B. A. club girls, dressed in the Norwegian national costume, sang two carols in their native language, and also gave two of the Norwegian folk dances. Miss Olga Balcom gave two vocal selections which were greatly enjoyed.

Following the opening of the association gifts Mrs. W. R. Finch, president of the Y. W. C. A., expressed the appreciation of the association for being so generously remembered by its friends.

A partial list of gifts received from friends and members of the association is as follows:

Cash $43.25, a ton of coal, carpet sweeper, towels, wash cloths and sheeting, kitchen utensils, dishes, tumblers, teaspoons, napkins, door mat, ink wells, pickels and jelly, a box of apples, indoor baseball and money for a new basketball.

An interesting feature of the evening was the appearance of the "Katie G.," a model of the houseboat occupied by the Y. W. C. A. camp last summer. The main part of the houseboat was a box of luscious western apples.

SNIFFLES SPOIL TANGO

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 20.—A number of clubwomen and social workers are disappointed today because a demonstration of the tango and other naughty dances was spoiled when the dancing teacher's partner, his wife, washed her hair yesterday and caught the sniffles. She had 'em so bad she could not appear in public and it took all the tang out of tango.

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The New Diamond La Vallieres Will Charm Those Who Seek Elegant Christmas Gifts

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Personals

See our electric automatic cookers. Thill-Manning-Whalen Co.

D. W. Hill and Thomas Saxton were visitors in the city from Harmony, Minn., yesterday, returning to their home this morning.

Closing out my entire stock of millinery regardless of price to make room for the coming season. Miss Fleece, corner Eleventh and Winnebago streets.

V. H. Woodcock, Viroqua, Wis., is the guest of friends in the city spending the week end, while transacting business in the vicinity.

Big rabbit lunch after the solo tournament at Kubal's place, corner Ninth and Market, Sunday, Dec. 21.

R. Schroeder, Chatfield, Minn., spent yesterday at a local hotel.

Electric Table Lamps, A. O. Colby.

Hyman Rutter, Ferryville, Wis., was a visitor in the city on a business mission yesterday morning, returning to his home in the afternoon.

Art leather for Christmas work. Langdon Shoe Repair Shop, 429 Jay.

A. Bean was a visitor in the city from Ferryville yesterday afternoon.

Moccasins for Christmas Gifts, Langdon Shoe Repair Shop, 429 Jay.

Roy Peterson, Ferryville, Wis., is on a business trip in the city for a few days.

Tango contest at K. P. hall, Saturday evening, for gold medals. Special dance Christmas night at K. P. hall.

D. O. Stevlingson, Coon Valley, Wis., spent yesterday in the city visiting friends and relativees.

Santa Claus at B. A. Yeomen Xmas tree doings Tuesday. Dancing.

Robert Koppe, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, is a business caller at one of the local hotels.

Electrical Heating Appliances, A. O. Colby.

Mrs. Miller Taylor, Seneca, Wis., is a business caller at one of the local hotels while shopping.

Electric Christmas Tree Lighting Outfits, A. O. Colby.

Miss Anna Sandall, Seneca, Wis., returned to her home this morning after spending the past several days with friends and relatives here.

Electric Domes, A. O. Colby.

Thomas Sheehan was in the city from Caledonia, Minn., yesterday morning, transacting business here for a few hours and returning to his home in the afternoon.

Many things in dainty, useful and unique Christmas presents at Huntoon Co.

The Misses Louise and Helen McArthur of Downer college, Milwaukee, are at home for the holidays.

Hack calls promptly attended to. City Transfer Co. Phone 179.

Mrs. Agnes McCord, who spent a few days in the city upon her return from a trip abroad, has gone now to Cresswell, Wash., and will spend the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Thad Brindley.

A Bicycle from Gross will please your boy most Xmas Day.

Miss Hattie Chamberlain, business manager of the Marinello company, will leave tomorrow night for Vancouver and other western points. She will be absent about three weeks.

Drummond makes a specialty of fine watch repairing. 522 State St.

AROUND MARKET SQUARE

Charles Dahlke, South Ridge, Minn., brought a load of corn to the city yesterday, disposing of it at the market.

G. Hompfeldt, North Ridge, Minn., disposed of a load of hogs in the city yesterday.

J. Kriebich, Mormon Coulee, drove to the city yesterday with a load of oats which he disposed of on Market square and returned to his home after transacting business in the city for a few hours.

Andrew McArthur, Pine Creek, Minn., drove to the market with a load of corn, disposing of it.

A. Becker, South Ridge, Minn., disposed of a load of oats at the market yesterday, selling them.

Joseph Kirchner, St. Joseph's Ridge, Wis., drove to the city yesterday selling a load of oats at the market, transacting business in the city for a short while and returning to his home.

William Klaus, Goose Island, disposed of a load of hay at the market yesterday morning, returning to his home in the afternoon after a visit in the city with friends.

W. Leibel, Smith Coulee, sold a load of hogs here yesterday.

Thomas McCaffrey, Pine Creek, Minn., drove in with a load of hay yesterday.

George Hanson, Bostwick Valley, sold a load of hay here yesterday.

Joseph Bichel, Brownsville Ridge, Minn., brought potatoes to the city yesterday.

F. Jacobs, North Ridge, Minn., sold a load of oats at the market yesterday morning, transacting business in the city for a few hours, and returning to his home in the afternoon.

WOOD SELLERS

This year has brought some of the finest weather and with the best conditions for the cutting of wood, of any past season that farmers in this locality have ever witnessed. Farmers are cutting wood in abundance, although they are keeping large supplies of it to sell in the city later on in the season. The following brought loads of wood to the market yesterday:

J. Jensen, Smith's Coulee; G. Hilke, Mormon Coulee; A. Wick, Smith Coulee; J. Patracke, South Salem road; P. Knifel, St. Joseph's Ridge; A. Gollnick, Smith Coulee; C. Gollnick, Smith Coulee; R. Kindhammer, Smith Coulee; G. Roessler, Mormon Coulee; W. Ender, South Ridge, Minn.; W. Kathan, South Ridge, Minn.; M. Dummer, Stoddard; H. Sheldach, Chaseburg, Wis.; E. Semke, Pine Creek, Minn., and P. Schlabach, Pine Creek, Minn.

The Society For The Prevention of USELESS GIVING Will Be Welcome at the

GAS & ELECTRIC CO.

Useful Gifts

Are the only kind We Have for Sale

GAS & ELECTRIC CO.

Open for Christmas Shoppers Until 9 P. M. TONIGHT

FREE MURDER SUSPECTS

Cleveland Jones and Donald Springstein, arrested in La Crosse and held in connection with the murder of John Longfield here last Saturday, were released this morning by the Madison police, they having proved an alibi.

APPLICATION FOR RETAIL LIQUOR LICENSE.

To the Common Council of the City of La Crosse: The undersigned, a citizen of the United States, A. J. La Fleur, hereby makes application for license to sell strong, spirituous, malt, ardent or intoxicating liquors in quantities less than one gallon to be drank on the premises, lot 4, block 6, original plat of Town of La Crosse, No. 219 South Front street, from date to the first day of July, 1914. My bondsmen are: Illinois Surety Company of Chicago, Ill. Dated Dec. 16, 1913.—A. J. La Fleur.

GRAFT CHARGES IN ST. PAUL EXTENDED

ST. PAUL, Minn., Dec. 20.—More graft and extortion charges are today lodged against ex-Chief of Police Martin Flannagan, Fred Turner, discharged city detective, and keepers of resorts and hotels, following a report of the grand jury which brought in thirty-seven true bills as the result of further revelations by witnesses in the investigations of St. Paul's vice graft scandal.

Literary Food.

"I want to feed on literature. What authors would you recommend to give me a literary appetite?"

"I think if I were you I would begin with Hogg, Lamb and Bacon."—Baltimore American.

Lying about money is generally what causes people to be disappointed in love.

WE have been able to assist many in their selection of Christmas Gifts

We know we can show You many Appropriate GIFTS

Conrad Nelson

301 MAIN STREET

At Young's Drug Store

Open Evenings

SEE OUR WINDOWS

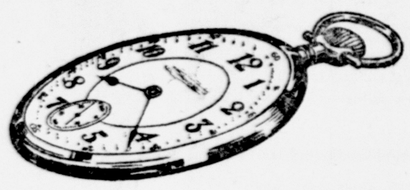
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The Quality Store

Where Popular Prices Prevail

Special WATCH SALE

TONIGHT and MONDAY



Gentleman's Watch

We will put on SALE the smartest Thin Model Gentleman's Watch, 12 size, Gold Filled, with a high grade, 17 jewel adjusted movement—SPECIAL

Regular Price $25.00 **$16.75** *Tonight and Monday*

Ladies' Gold Filled Watches



These Ladies' Gold Filled Watches are the smallest American size, hand engraved watches. 50 different patterns to select from, and remember these prices that we quote are only for Tonight and Monday, and the regular price is $18.00. Now—

Special $12.50

Come in and let us show you these Watches.
You will be surprised at their Beauty and Price.

310 Main St. **Geo. B. Rose** *The Jeweler*

LOWRY NEW MAN ON SCHOOL BOARD

North Sider Chosen to Succeed John Streeter; Easton and Hirshheimer Re-elected

Robert Lowry of the North Side Exchange State bank was last night chosen by the common council to succeed John Streeter as member of the board of education. L. F. Easton and Harry Hirshheimer were re-elected to membership on the board.

Charging that the city engineer and park commissioner were without sufficient employment to keep them busy Alderman Paul W. Mahoney last night offered a resolution making them inspectors on hib municipal jobs. He contended that these two officials found time to go to Bangor and other places in search of employment and that the time thus spent rightfully belonged to the city.

The proposition was referred to committees as was another resolution of Mr. Mahoney's providing for a change in the time of council meetings.

A report on the Myrick park pumping station, read by Alderman Mahoney, said everything there was working with the exception of a patented stoker. The concern that installed the stoker will be requested to come back and explain its operation, he said.

Residents in the vicinity of Hagar and Caledonia streets on the north side petitioned for a light at that corner.

Mayor Sorensen announced that the council will be called, as a committee of the whole, after the holidays.

ONALASKA IS BEATEN

LOSE TO LOCAL HIGH SCHOOL FIVE IN THEIR FIRST GAME BY LOPSIDED SCORE OF 57 to 0

Onalaska high school's force of basketball players received a severe drubbing yesterday afternoon in their first basketball game with the La Crosse high school. La Crosse made its first basket before the first minute of play and thereafter until the final score of 57 to 0 was announced, it was a one sided game with the visitors at disadvantage.

La Crosse's team is developing in speed and is out for the state championship. Once during yesterday's game the locals got the ball and rushed it down the floor to a basket before their opponents had located it. Individually the team is showing up well also, yesterday's game having few errors on the local side.

The teams lined up as follows:

Onalaska—C, Bucklin; F, Foss; Phelps, captain; G, Boyer, Riebe; subs, Heoge, Hougan, Nichols.

High school—Weisse, Zeisler, Garder, Fay, Meinert, Gunderson, Dittman.

As a preliminary to this game, the second and third teams played. During the first half, the game was very close the score being 11 to 9. During the last half, however, the second team piled up the score till it stood at 21 to 11 in their favor.

The lineup was:

Second—Schall, King, Bruha, Kienahs, Verket.

Third—Worth, Lauitz, Kelly, Tobias, Werner, Grenbner and Boyd.

FRANKLIN SCHOOL IN XMAS PROGRAM

The children of the Franklin school gave their annual Christmas program yesterday afternoon in the school building. The affair was an unusually bright one, as the scholars were spending their last day before the Christmas holidays. The program follows:

Piano Duet: Humoureske—Myrtle Lund, Helen Fletcher.

Song: It came upon the midnight clear—School.

The Legend of the Christ Child—Cleone Wilde.

Vocal solo: Ring out the bells for Christmas—Mary Whisler.

Christmas—Valborg Senstad.

Piano solo: Twittering Birds—Delight Keenan.

Christmas Gifts—Ruth Snyder.

Song: Silent Night—School.

Dialogue: Two views of Christmas—Ross Veneman, Bertie Johnson.

Song: O Holy Night—Seven girls.

What shall I give at Christmastide—Ruby Wiles.

Piano solo: Aeolian Harp—Mildred Nelson.

When Pap played Santa Claus—William Nichols.

Dialogue: The trials of Christmas shopping—Josephine Birnbaum, Alma Snyder, Valborg Senstad, Lloyd Munson.

Song: O, come all ye faithful—School.

SCHOOL'S OUT FOR HOLIDAY VACATION

One of the chief events of the year as far as the school children were concerned, occurred yesterday afternoon in the public schools of the city, when they closed for the annual Christmas holidays.

Practically all of the schools participated in special Christmas exercises. In some of the schools the rooms all congregated, and in others the individual teachers had programs of their own. School will resume the Monday after Christmas, December 29. Normal school students have been given a little extra time, and will be allowed to enjoy life without the school room until the Tuesday following New Year's.

Many teachers, and scholars living out of the city, are already at their various homes, or on their way there, and the schools are entirely deserted.

REBELS RETURN TO ATTACK TAMPICO

Bring Up More Artillery and Ammunition for Determined Assault on City

(By a United Press Staff Correspondent.)

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 20.—Another determined attack on Tampico by the rebels heavily reinforced in numbers, arms and ammunition was considered inevitable here today. Renewed fighting at the seaport was expected any hour.

Latest reports in the capital were that the rebels, carrying eight big guns, were advancing on Tampico. The besiegers, it was semi-officially stated, have obtained an additional car of rifles and two cars of powder, together with two cars of dynamite and eight locomotives. Their plan is o blow up all means of retreat open to the federals, which would at the same time cut off the approach of reinforcements and then make a concerted attack on the town proper.

Emiliano Zapata, the rebel leader who is camped at the very doors of the capitol, visited Mexico City with impunity two or three more times within the last few days, according to the police. He visited an old sweetheart on each occasion. The police have not arrested the girl, hoping that Zapata will come back.

Difference of opinion between General Huerta and Enrique Goroztieta, minister of justice is all that withholds a decree confiscating all the property of men engaged in the revolution, including valuable mines, farm and factories of the Madero family and others, and the holdings of the deputies jailed by Huerta. The dictator proposed the decree.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—State department dispatches today confirmed reports of confiscation of Spanish property in Chihuahua. General Villa justified this action and the expulsion of the Spaniards by declaring they were in danger of massacre. He also claimed some Spaniards were implicaded in political intrigue, but asserted that those who can prove themselves guiltless will be permitted to return to Chihuahua and be given indemnity for their losses.

TO GIVE AWAY MONEY

LYRIC TO PRESENT GLASS CASE STUFFED WITH BANKNOTES TO CONTEST WINNER MONDAY EVENING

Some weeks ago the Lyric management placed a glass case the size of a shoe box in the lobby, chained down and double padlocked. The box has been the object of a great deal of curiosity ever since, for it is stuffed with banknotes. How much is in the box is known only to Manager Harry H. Burford. It has been variously estimated at from $30 to $400. At each estimate Mr. Burford smiles discreetly and says nothing.

The amount is not small, at any rate. There are tens and fives and twenties to be seen, as well as many ones, and Mr. Burford has vouchsafed the tip that there is enough to pay the way to California for the winter.

The exact amount will become public property Monday night, when the leader in the contest—sure it's a contest, didn't you know?—will be announced at 8 o'clock. If the owner of the money is in the audience, he or she will get the currency on the spot. In case one is not in the house at that show, the recipient will be posted in the lobby of the house until 8 o'clock the following evening. If the first contestant has not presented his credentials by that time, the money will be declared the property of the contestant occupying second place. In case he aslo should fail to appear, the process will be continued until some one gets that box of money. Mr. Burford is anxious to get rid of.

Monday matinee will be the last chance to make hay for the contest, according to announcement by the management today.

CURRENCY BILL IS PASSED BY SENATE

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remaining earnings are paid to the United States government as trustees for the benefit of depositors in failed banks.

The house this afternoon sent the currency bill to conference after adopting instructions that their representatives accept the provisions of the senate bill relating to rediscounting of six months paper and for five year farm loans by national banks. As the senate had adjourned before this action was taken, final ratification of the measure is of necessity postponed at least until Monday.

HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS SELL XMAS SEALS

Thirty high school girls today took stands in three of the large department stores to aid in the selling of Red Cross Christmas stamps. The stores at which the girls are working are Barron's, the Park Store and the Scott-Rose store.

The sale was started at 10 o'clock this morning. The girls have confined themselves to the hours between 10 and 12 o'clock in the morning and from 1:30 until 5:30 in the afternoon.

The sale in stores in the city has been used as a means to bring the sale amount up to the usual mark, owing to the fact that schools of the city are not participating in the sale this year.

SUNDAY EVENING DINNER

5:30 to 8:00

35c

Kalamazoo Celery Pickles
Fricasee of Chicken, with Dumplings
Roast Loin of Pork, Apple Sauce
Natural Potatoes
Whipped Cream Potatoes
Chicken Gravy Brown Gravy
Stewed Parsnips in Cream
Combination Salad
American Cheese Swiss Cheese
Saltine Wafers
Rye Bread Wheat Bread
Tea Coffee Sweet Milk

HUB CAFE

105 North Third Street
H. NOLL, Prop.
Short Orders at All Hours.

ON THE GREAT WHITE WAY

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finished the story. "But, just the same, people up in Alaska act just that way about currency."

Like unto the Rock of Ages and the pyramids are the big teeth with which R. C. McCaleb, the socialist lecturer, masticates the food a paternal government's failure to provide which makes him conscious of the high cost of living. Great teeth are they, of perfect type, and like those of other healthy animals, usually proof against the decay which renders miserable those hot house folk who live on rich viands and strong drink.

But they are not impregnable, these big teeth of the giant Scot, for several days ago "Mac" was introduced to the disturbing sensation known as the tooth ache. Humiliating, it was: this evidence that his supposedly invulnerable physique was subject to the weaknesses of a mollycoddle and jaded people. But the ache was genuine and industrious, and soon Bob capitulated, and sought a dentist whom he showed the offending molar by opening his big mouth and vindictively thumping it with a big forefinger.

Said dentist got busy with the buzz-saw enthusiasm of his kind, and at intervals for three consecutive days drilled away at a great, adamantine tooth.

But when "the morning and the evening were the fourth day," and the dentist still drilled, and the tooth still ached, McCaleb purchased a nickle looking glass, and opening his jaws like a fledgling anticipating a worm, viewed the work of his tormentor.

Once he looked, astonished; twice to make sure. Then he beat it down the street and up a noisy and terrified pair of stairs leading to the "dental drawing room."

"Say, doc!" he shouted. "You're a hot diagnostician, you are! You've been working four days drilling the wrong tooth!"

An amusing echo of the last Labor day parade is the story of how Vit. A. Spika outdid the historic "Hay foot, straw foot," incident and saved the coopers' union from discomfiture.

There were 2,000 men in the parade, and the coopers were so far back they couldn't hear the band, in consequence of which their march was straggling and out of step.

But as they passed Spika's residence, that gentleman bethought him of a scheme to relieve the embarrassment of his fellows. He whispered something to a boy among the spectators. The boy "beat it" into the Spika home. In a moment he returned with a huge accordion, which he handed to Spika.

Mr. Spika hit up "Alexander's Rag Time Band" with the punch and zeal of a true artist, and for the remainder of that famous march the coopers tangoed a triumph of uniform pedestrianism.

Fall was upon us, and that night in the tent where Joe Dubraks, the Tribune's north side manager, and J. E. Eldridge were sleeping convenient to a "pike hole" it was desperately cold. Eldridge was chilly, but Joe complained bitterly, for although his blanketed back lay snug against what seemed a wall of boxes, he shivered incessantly while cold chills did a marathon up and down his spine.

Morning came, and while Eldridge boiled the savory coffee, Dubraks lay still, groaning and assuring his friend that he was either frozen stiff, or paralyzed.

Finally J. E. seized Joe's blanket and, with a smart tug, rolled his pal over on the ground. And then it came out.

Dubraks had been sleeping with his back resting full length against a cake of ice they had brought to preserve the fish.

TREMPEALEAU MAN GETS PRISON TERM

Edward Eickman, Trempealeau county farmer, was this morning sentenced to one year in state's prison after pleading guilty to a charge of grand larceny before Circuit Judge E. C. Higbee.

NOTICE.

David Bailey, 111 Main street, just received two cases of cigars direct from the factories in Key West, Tampa, Florida, for Christmas and holidays.

BROOKLYN TO GET FAMOUS SHORTSTOP

CINCINNATI, Ohio, Dec. 20.—Directors of Cincinnati baseball club this afternoon agreed to sell Joe Tinker, last year's manager and shortstop to the Brooklyn club after a three hours conference between August Harrmann, president of the Reds, and Charles Ebbets, president of the Brooklyns.

This is the deal negotiated in New York by Herrmann and later repudiated by the directors. It was further agreed that the Cincinnati club was to get options to buy Pitcher Earl Yingling for $8,500 and Outfielder Moran for $4,000.

Ebbets gave the Cincinnati club his check for $15,000 for Tinker. Tinker will get an additional $10,000.

SOCIALISM WINS IN HIGH DEBATE

The Lincoln-Douglas Debating society decided in favor of the socialistic party at a warm debate held last night at the high school. The decision closely followed the Franklin club's decision in favor of the same subject last Thursday night.

The question as stated was, Resolved that socialism is not to the interests of the United States. The affirmative was upheld by Dupee and Lyons, the negative by Baker and Staats.

Mr. R. C. McCaleb, the organizer of the La Crosse branch of the socialist party, attended the debate. After the boys had all given their ideas on socialism, as they understood it, Mr. McCaleb favored the society by explaining the underlying principles of socialism. He declared that the socialists wanted no more than the tools with which they support themselves. As these tools are now grown to be mammoth corporations, the only way the people can own their tools is to do so collectively. He further stated that the only means the people have of making their representatives vote the way they wished is to introduce the initiative, the referendum and the recall. These powers, placed in the hands of the people, he declared would give them the same power over their representatives which an employer has over his workmen, that of firing a man whenever he does not do as ordered.

STORK STILL AHEAD IN LA CROSSE COUNTY

The stork is still ahead of death in La Crosse county. The vital statistics for the month of November show 66 births, 44 marriages and 55 deaths.

HENRY DRAKE DIES LONG A RESIDENT

Henry Drake, 56 years old, died at his home, 1518 Market street, at 1:30 this afternoon. Mr. Drake was a contractor. Death resulted after a short illness caused by stomach trouble.

Mr. Drake was born in Essex, England, and came to America when young, settling in La Crosse where he has lived continuously since his arrival.

Surviving him are a wife, three sons and one daughter, and two brothers and a sister. The funeral arrangements have not been made.

LITTLE FAVOR FOR ROAD ROUTE CHANGE

The proposition to change the route of the town of Holland road, which runs from Holmen over Sour Creek ridge to the town of Farmington, will not receive enthusiastic endorsement, it is claimed.

The road and bridge committee of the county board yesterday inspected the proposed route of the new road, which requires a big cut through a hill and an expense of approximately $1,500.

LIGHT COMPANY PAYS BIG TAXES

La Crosse Gas & Electric company this morning presented City Treasurer George Young with a check for $23,125. This is that company's share of the taxes and is said to be the biggest single payment made in La Crosse.

Manager Thurston Owens of the company today presented the City Mission with a Christmas tree. The company will decorate it, ready for installation at the Mission.

TOM WOOLEY BUYS VALUABLE PROPERTY

Thomas Wooley, a contractor, has purchased valuable city property from Marietta Van Steenwyk. The sale includes houses and lots on the north side of State street from Seventh street west to the alley. Five houses are included in the deal, one a double house. Twelve thousand five hundred dollars is said to have been the consideration.

BURY BODY OF JAMES WEBBER

Funeral services for James Webber, 5 year old son of Chief of Police John B. Webber, were held at 9 o'clock this morning from St. Joseph's cathedral. Rev. G. Sluyter officiated. Six little boys, sons of members of the La Crosse police department, acted as pallbearers. Interment took place at the Catholic cemetery.

Week Financial

Bank Statement

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—The weekly actual bank statement issued today showed the follwing changes:

Surplus, increase	$ 1,495,050
Loans, increase	4,651,000
Specie, increase	3,848,000
Legals, increase	1,271,000
Deposits, increase	14,803,000
Circulation, increase	258,000
Surplus, reserve	17,439,350

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NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—Following yesterday's evidences of a distinct turn in the market, prices on the Stock exchange today opened at substantial fractional advances then resumed their upward movement. Volume of business was unusually large for a Saturday and the activity affected all quarters of the market. Today, as yesterday, the primary consideration in the view of Wall street, was the passage of the amended banking bill by the senate, and the general conviction that further amendments, in the line of conservative provisions, will be made in conference committee.

But the vote at Washington was not the only stimulus to the market of the day. This morning's quite unexpected agreement between the telegraph-telephone combination and the government, was greeted on the market by an immediate rise of no less than ten points in shares of the company. The essential points in this incident are, first, that federal prosecution is averted, and, second, that according to the formal statement of the company's president, neither the Bell system nor the Western Union will suffer from the dismemberment of the combination. From the inferences drawn in regard to the other industrial holding companies, were naturally far-reaching; they explained such other incidents as the four point rise in shares of the American Sugar and National Biscuit companies.

Private intimations received from Washington, to the effect that the president's forthcoming message on the anti-trust law would be distinctly reassuring in its tenor, had its part in the shift of Wall street sentiment, which led to a rise of a point or more in a large variety of stocks, even among those not directly affected by the anti-trust law. As was to be expected, there were numerous reactions from the early and violent advances; they were neither surprising nor undesirable, in view of the doubt as to whether rapidly rising prices at the year end might not upset the money market. But the stock market showed great firmness, even at the close.

By present indications, the year will end in one respect exactly as it began—with a pretty visible demonstration that the weak point in the world's circle of financial markets in Europe, and the strong point the United States.

NEW LODGE HOLDS BUSINESS MEETING

The first business meeting of the lodge of Ben Hur was held at Linker's hall last night. Fifty charter members were taken in. A list of approximately fifty applications were made for the next business meeting. The following officers were elected to serve for one year: Past Chief, Roy Tiedeman; chief, Alfred Crawley; Judge, Catherine Forrester; teacher, L. Falk; Scribe, Nathan Jarvis; keeper of tribute, Lawrence Gautsch; captain, Ralph Baumgarten; inner guard, Alvina Farrer; outer guard, Patrick McKillip; mother Hur, Mary Yehle; sister Theresa, Alva Huff. H. J. McInnis, organizer of the Ben Hur lodge, assisted by E. R. Johnston of this city, state organizer, transacted the business.

NORDLIE INFANT BURIED

The funeral of Rudolph L. Nordlie, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore J. Nordlie, was held at 2 o'clock this afternoon from the residence, 115 South Seventh street. Rev. Henry Magelssen conducted the services. Burial was made at Oak Grove cemetery.

E. W. PARKER JEWELER
MAJESTIC THEATRE BLDG

Three More Days

in which to complete your Christmas shopping. Our stock is still very complete, as we have been receiving new things every day. If you can't decide what to give, come in and let us help you. We have gifts appropriate for every one from grandmother to the new baby, and our prices are suited to every pocketbook.
You will receive just as much attention if you have fifty cents to spend as you would if you had fifty dollars.
We are open every evening from now until Christmas.

E. W. PARKER, Popular Price Jeweler

William Shay—Leah Baird

TWO UNIVERSAL STARS

Playing a comedy drama in two reels. This feature is full of thrills and comedy and is part of a fine program

At The BIJOU Sunday, Dec. 21

On MONDAY and TUESDAY, DEC. 22 and 23, the **BIJOU** will offer the seventh Frohman production, starring Laura Sawyer, in **"THE PORT OF DOOM,"** a marine detective drama. Come early and avoid the big crowds.

MATINEES BOTH DAYS

The First

COMMERCIAL BICYCLE

to be sold in La Crosse was bought by the **C. & F. Schubert Meat Market** for delivery purposes. So far this is the only one outside of Chicago.

The **COMMERCIAL** furnishes a safe, speedy means of merchandise delivery and solves the problem that has been worrying merchants for years.

For Sale by

F. W. HOWARD

1230 Jackson Street

Laborious.

The better positions that a man boasts he could have had if he wanted them never seem to materialise when the aforesaid man is out of a job and wants work.—New Orleans Picayune.

A cornet in a neighbor's flat may be as big a nuisance as a full fledged corn in one's own.

MILWAUKEE CHURCH LOSES DURING YEAR

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Dec. 20.—A decrease of 285 communicants is recorded in the Episcopal diocese of Milwaukee, in the annual report by the Living Church. The number of communicants for 1913 is 11,858, and for the year 1912, 12,143.

The number of communicants in the United States and foreign missions is 1,004,217, while last year the number was 986,021. The contributions for the same time showed an increase of $687,126.23. The amount contributed during the year was $19,489,309.80, and last year $18,802,183.57.

A Troublesome Tower.

She was a good servant, was Jennie, and Mrs. Wanderfarr never wished for better. But in the matter of pictures Jennie was weak. There was one in particular, which showed the leaning tower of Pisa. Every day Mrs. W. hung it straight, and every morning Jennie put it crooked.

So Mrs. W. watched.

"Now, look here, Jennie," she said, "you've hung that picture of the tower crooked again! Just look at it!"

"That's just what I say, mum," returned the domestic dolefully; "look at it. The only way you can't get that silly tower to hang straight is to hang the picture crooked."—Exchange.

Let Him Talk.

If you would learn a man's weakness let him talk while you listen.—Chicago News.

FIX DATES FOR EXPO ATHLETICS

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—Tentative dates for the principal athletic events to be held at the Panama-Pacific exposition in San Francisco during 1915 were announced today. The dates were selected at a conference between President Charles E. Moore of the exposition and James E. Sullivan, secretary of the Amateur Athletic union.

Beginning with the A. A. U. basketball championships during the last week of February, important contests are scheduled for every week until late in October. The competitions will be held in the exposition stadium which will inclose a third of a mile running track, including a 440 yard straightaway for sprinters.

BANGOR, WIS.

Miss Mary Lewis is visiting relatives at Nebraska.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Oenker and family and Mr. and Mrs. Alois Fuchs and family spent Sunday at the home of Wenzel Wanza at Sparta.

Postmaster Peck expects to move into the new Koehler building soon. This is a fine building for the post-office, with plate glass front, steel ceiling and all the modern improvements.

Miss Helen Holtz who has been ill the past week, went to La Crosse Monday to consult a specialist, who diagnosed her case as inflammatory rheumatism.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Cassel of St. Charles, Minn., are guests at the home of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Piske.

Peter Cook and family departed Wednesday for their new home at Cornell, twenty-two miles from Chippewa Falls.

F. C. Witt has leased the Burbach building and is making arrangements to start a restaurant. He expects to be ready for business by Jan. 10.

Miss Viola Larson of De Soto is a guest at the home of E. Hanson and family.

Miss Anna Stevens is clerking at E. Richter's store during the holiday rush.

Miss Meta Stintzi of Madison, who has been spending several weeks in the village with friends, left Monday for La Crosse for a short visit with relatives before returning home.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Bowen and children of Burns are visiting at the home of John Kirchner and family.

The girls of the domestic science classes entertained the faculty and the board of education at a six o'clock dinner Thursday.

Mrs. Taylor of Sparta is spending this week at the home of her son, Dr. D. A. Taylor.

Only Trying to Play.

A visitor who had an exalted opinion of his golf ability was extended the courtesy of the club, and the first day he went over the beautiful course in the highlands accompanied by a bright caddy. He had succeeded in burying his ball in every bunker, gully and burn on or near the links when he turned to the caddy and said, "Really, this is the most difficult course I have ever played on."

"Hoo dae ye ken?" asked the caddy gravely. "Ye havna played on it yet."—Glasgow News.

CHINA WANTS TO INCREASE TARIFF

Seeks Consent of Foreign Powers to Place Substantial Raise in Customs Duties

PEKIN, Dec. 20.—Sun Poa-shi, minister of foreign affairs, today sounded the various foreign ministers in regard to China's desire materially to increase her customs duties, which are supposed to be five per cent but which are as low as three per cent in many instances, due to the inability of the government to enforce fines. The present customs tariff has been in force since 1902, by virtue of treaty with Great Britain and subsequent agreements with several nations.

Legally speaking, China, as a full fledged nation, has a right favored nation treaties entered into by all countries. However, China's custom service has been in the hands of foreigners for nearly fifty years, and no tax on imports can be imposed by China without the sanction of treaties. The administration of the Chinese customs service by foreigners, under the direction of the late Sir Robert Hart, was of inestimable benefit to China, as well as satisfactory to the world at large.

The control of the country's tariff by treaty with the powers has also worked well in the main, when China's financial needs were small, but now that China is modernizing rapidly, it is only a question of time when she will demand the inalienable right to fix her tariff regulations and rates to suit herself.

For the present, however, the old system will be adhered to, as indicated by the note of Minister Sun Poa-chi. No ratio of the contemplated tax on imports is indicated in the note, but it is understood on good authority that high republican officials believe that the present rate of 5 per cent should be at least 12½ per cent, if not 15 or 20 per cent. It is feared that the powers will do nothing in the matter for at least a year.

SPARTA, WIS.

Friends of Miss Virginia O'Connor were grieved to learn of her death in St. Francis hospital, La Crosse, of quick consumption. Miss O'Connor came to Sparta from Dayton, Ohio, and for three years went to the convent school here. After leaving school she worked as a dressmaker for a time, then took a position in the Herbst dry goods store. In the spring of 1913 she accepted a position with the Mercantile company of Mauston, and while there contracted the cold which caused her death. She was in poor health all summer and two months ago was removed to the St. Francis hospital in La Crosse. Her bright, jolly disposition made many friends. Father Flock and Miss Mary Flock went down to La Crosse to attend the funeral, which was held from the cathedral at 9 o'clock Friday morning. She is survived by three brothers and one sister Roy, who is attending a technique college in Iowa; Harry, located in California, and Charles, who with the sister Irene, attend school in La Crosse.

Church Doings

The Congregational church elected officers for the ensuing year at the annual meeting held at 7:30 this morning.

The Ladies' Auxiliary society served supper to the public from 5:30 to 7 o'clock.

On Saturday the Enterprise class will give a "food sale" in the Teasdale building.

Rev. Hogan will preach a Christmas sermon entitled "The Return of the Shepherd" Sunday morning, and at 4:30 in the afternoon the Christmas concert will be given. There will be songs, recitations and exercises by the children of the Sunday school.

Rev. Strau of the Methodist church will preach on "The Witness of the Soul to Christ," and "The Search After God," at the two services next Sunday. The Women's Foreign Missionary society will meet at 3:30 Wednesday afternoon.

Rev. Frank O'Hara, the evangelist, will preach in the Zion Evangelical church Sunday morning, due to the absence of Rev. Walters, who goes to Tomah to conduct the quarterly meeting there. There will be no catechetical class next Tuesday.

Champions Given Sweaters

Professor Bray presented the members of our championship football team with red sweaters. The boys are the state high school champions, having won ten straight games. The sweaters are the gifts of the Athletic association. Professor Bray said he hoped that the champions might do as well in school work as in athletics. School yells were vigorously given. Those receiving sweaters were Jefferson, captain; Heitman, manager; Alex Nicol, John Nicol, Lloyd, Hinton, Bergman, Abrahamson, Fred Evans, Robert Evans, Fanning, Sutherland, Almer, McConnell and Smith.

Local and Personal

Ole Tagen of Big Creek was arrested Wednesday evening and arraigned before Justice Lamson this morning on the charge of drunkeness. His "spree" cost him a $5 fine and costs, amounting to $9.

P. H. Madden is attending the road masters' convention in Milwaukee.

Harley Jefferson, Ed Lewis and Sid Smith were out in Jefferson's automobile on a tobacco buying trip.

Ben Cole is doing nicely after his operation for gall stones in the Red Wing hospital. He is expected home in two weeks.

Mrs. West, who has been visiting here with relatives, leaves for Ismay, Mont., in the morning.

H. J. Nyhus of Edmore, N. D., was in Sparta on business.

C. H. Collins and Austin Crook, both salesmen of La Crosse, were in Sparta on business.

P. E. Mitby was up from Westby today.

J. W. Wolf of Ft. Atkinson spent Wednesday night here.

F. H. Rogers, Ike Morris and Sherwood of Viroqua were in the city Thursday.

Phil Appleman of Westby was a business caller.

H. W. Johnson of Madison, L. K. Lewis of Des Moines, G. F. Cremer of Cashton and A. W. Fuglin of Hastings, Minn., were out of town callers today.



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Thoughtful.

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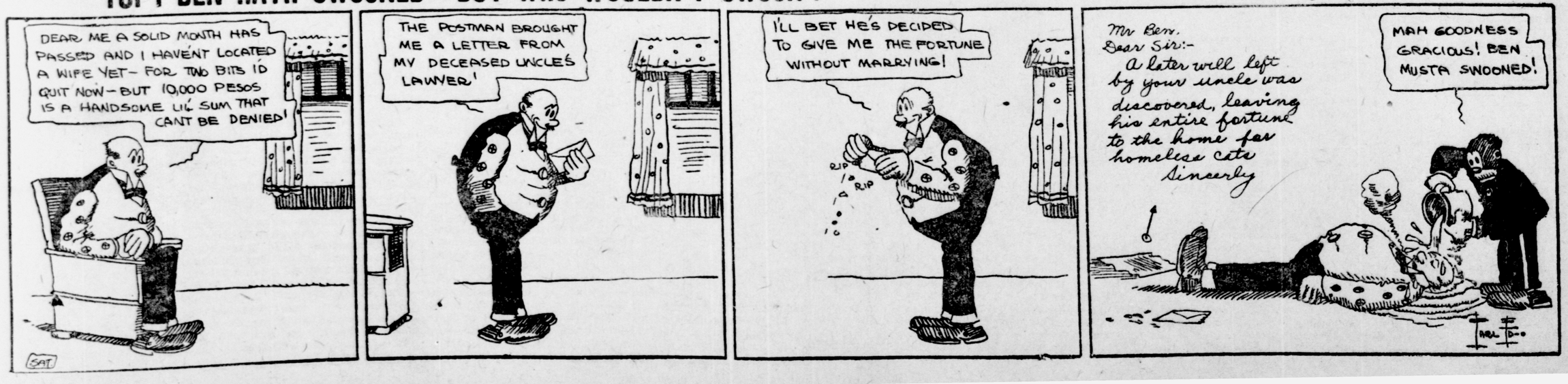
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YUP! BEN HATH SWOONED---BUT WHO WOULDN'T SWOON?

Drawn for this paper By Carl Ed



In the Churches

German M. E. Church

First German Methodist church, corner 7th and Ferry streets, John H. Klaus, pastor. Sunday school at 9:15 a. m., William Bauman, superintendent. The sermon topic, 10:30, "The Heroic Spirit of Jesus Christ," opens the way for a practical discussion of the true Christmas spirit. And at 7:30 p. m., "What Constitutes Being a Man," will deal with the working out of this spirit in every day life. Special Christmas music at both services. Epworth League devotional meeting at 6:45 p. m., P. T. Schulze, leader. No prayer meeting on Wednesday evening on account of municipal Christmas celebration. Christmas service with sermon, on Thursday at 10:00 a. m. Annual Christmas festival, Thursday at 7:00 p. m. No German school Saturday, Dec. 27th.

St. Paul's Universalist Church

St. Paul's Universalist church, Cass and Eighth streets, George R. Longbrake, minister. The Christmas atmosphere and spirit will prevail throughout all our services, Sunday, the 21st of December. Sunday school meets at 10 o'clock. It is of the greatest importance that all officers, teachers, members and friends be present and come on time. At the service of public worship at 11 o'clock a program of brilliant and inspiring Christmas music will be rendered as follows: Organ prelude, "Festival Prelude," (Liebig); anthem, "Sing Alleluia Forth," (Dudley Buck); soprano solo, "The City Beautiful," (Paul Rodney), with violin and cello obligato; violin solo, "Adoration," (Borowski); offertory, "Melody in F," (Rockwell); anthem, "The Birthday of a King," (Neidlinger); postlude, March (Schumann). A very brief sermon will be given at this service on the subject, "The Heart of the Teaching about Christ's Birth; the Universal Presence and the Larger Birth of God in Humanity." At 4 o'clock in the afternoon the Sunday school will present its annual program of Christmas carols and readings. The church will be appropriately and charmingly decorated. The public is extended a most hearty welcome at all these services.

First Methodist Episcopal

First Methodist Episcopal church, corner of King and Eighth streets; pastor, Rev. T. Stanley Oadams. Elaborate preparations have been made for the observance of the Christmas season and begin next Sunday. Sunday school session at 10 a. m. Morning service at 11 o'clock with special Christmas music and other accessories, when the pastor will preach on the subject, "A Pilgrimage to Bethlehem." Epworth League servive at 6:45 p. m., leader, Professor Bretnall. Sacred Christmas concert in the evening at 7:30 to which all are invited. The following program will be rendered:

Organ recital—(a) March of the Magi, Dubois; (b) The Manger, Guilmant; (c) Adoration, Guilmant—Miss Florence Lilian Oadams.

Quartet, Selected — Mrs. Faber, Mrs. P. L. Cilley, Mr. Harry Marshall and Mr. AZel Barney.

The Christmas Story and Evening Prayer—The pastor.

Violin Solo, "Legende," (Bohm)—Mr. Glen Halik.

Quartet, "The Angels' Song" (Shelley).

Organ, "Pastorale," (J. H. Rogers)

Solo, (Selected)—Mrs. P. J. Cilley.

Reading, "Christmas Verses"—Mrs. A. W. Shall.

Quartet, "Glory to God in the Highest," (Hanscom.)

Benediction.

Postlude, "Silent Night," (Gruber.

Tuesday evening at 7:30 sharp, the greatest of all our Sunday school Christmas entertainments will be given for the children, parents and friends. An abundance of vocal and instrumental music and the famous motion pictures, hand colored and including four large reels will be given by an expert operator. These have been hired at considerable cost and no effort has been spared to make this Christmas entertainment the best of all. No admission fee, but the annual offering for charitable purposes will be taken. Begins promptly at 7:30 on Tuesday evening, December 23. On Thursday, Christmas day, a special morning service at 9:15 o'clock will be held, the pastor, Rev. T. Stanley Oadams will bring the message of Christmas day.

English Evangelical Lutheran

English Ev. Lutheran Church of the Holy Trinity, West Avenue and Ferry street, Rev. W. P. Christy, pastor. Bible school, 9:30 a. m. Graded courses for all ages. Chief service at 10:45 a. m. Evening service at 7:45 p. m. Matin service on Christmas day at 6:00 a. m. Children's Christmas service and tree at 6:30 p. m. Thursday. A cordial invitation is extended to everyone.

First Baptist

The First Baptist church, Sixth street between Main and King streets, W. Adelbert Billings, minister. The Bible school with classes for all ages, meets at 10 o'clock. The morning service for worship at 11 a. m. Special Christmas music, and the pastor will bring a Christmas message. The Bible school will celebrate the birth of Christ at the Sunday evening service at 7:30. The church will be beautifully decorated and "The White Gifts" for the King will be brought. This will be an inspiring meeting and all the parents and friends of the school are urged to be present. Bring the "White Gift" envelopes with you. The church will hold its usual Christmas service at 7 o'clock on Thursday (Christmas) morning. The processional will be sung promptly at seven o'clock and it is hoped all will be seated a few moments before that hour. Celebrate the Lord's birthday by spending one of the first hours in moment worship in his Temple. The general public cordialy welcomed to all these services, especially the 7 o'clock service Christmas morning.

First Evangelical

First Evangelical church, corner of West Avenue North and Vine street, Rev. G. F. Hack, pastor. Sunday school at 9:15 a. m., E. A. Gross, superintendent. Public worship with sermon by the pastor at 10:30 a. m. Young People's Alliance Devotional meeting at 7 o'clock p. m. On Saturday morning at 9 o'clock, German school and catechism at the pastor's residence, 321 North Ninth street. Let all our children come.

First Congregational

First Congregational church, corner Main and Seventh streets, Carlos C. Rowlison, pastor. Bible school at 10 o'clock. Morning services at 11. Sermon, "In the Days of the Messiah." Evening service of Christmas music at 7:30. Christmas program for the Bible school Tuesday, Dec. 23, at 4:30. Musical program, Sunday, December 21:

Morning

Prelude: Introduction to the Holy City ..... Alfred Gaul
Anthem: "Sing unto the Lord .... W. L. Blumenschein
Anthem: "Calm on the listening ear of night" —James H. Rodgers
Offertory ..... Selected
Postlude: Triumphal March .... Paul Wachs

Evening—Part 1

Prelude: Overture to The Messiah ..... Handel
Quartette: "The Christmas Message" ..... Louis R. Dressler
Violin obligato
Trio: "We Three Kings of Orient Are" ..... Frederic F. Bullard
Organ: (a) The Hymn of the Nuns ..... Lefebure-Wely
(b) Solitude ..... Benj. Goddard
Vocal: "He shall feed his flock" "Come Unto Him" ..... From The Messiah ..... Handel
Violin: Air on the G String .... J. S. Bach
Offertory: Pastoral Symphony from The Messiah ..... Handel

Part II

"The Adoration," a cantata, by Geo. B. Nevin.

Chorus: "O, come, all ye faithful."

Baritone solo: "Behold, a Virgin shall conceive."

Ladies' quartette and soprano solo: "In reverent awe and solemn state."

Male quartette: "Then sweeping through the arch of night."

Chorus: "Softly the starlight."

Tenor solo: "And lo, the angel of the Lord."

Chorus: "Glory to God in the Highest."

Alto solo and quartette: "Hushed at length the gracious song."

Chorus: "Amen, Lord we Bless Thee."

Postlude: Processional March, (Henry Parker.)

In the evening service the choir will be assisted by Mrs. Homer B. Cotton, violinist; Mrs. F. E. Nurse, second soprano; Miss Cora Vandewater, first alto; Mr. Ralph Toland, baritone; Mr. Victor Jacobson, second tenor.

Spiritualist Church

Spiritual church meets in the Jewish synagogue on Fourth street between Cass street and Cameron avenue, Rev. Catherine McFarlin, minister. Sunday evening, 7:45, there will be a Christmas sermon, the annual festival will be considered from various aspects. The program for Wednesday evening will be slightly changed and Christmas greetings given instead, also music appropriate to the occasion as well as poetic readings. The public is cordially invited.

Christ Church (Episcopal)

Christ Church (Episcopal) Ninth and Main streets, Rev. W. Everett Johnson, rector. Services for the Fourth Sunday in Advent. Holy Communion at 8:00 a. m.; Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. Matins and sermon by the rector, 10:45 a. m. Evensong in Chapel, 4:00 p. m. Musical service and sermon, 4:30 p. m. Music for the day: Venite and Benedictus in Chant form; Benedicite, Brewer in G.; Anthem, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, Garret. Musical service, 4:30 p. m.: Processional Hymn 491; Anthem, Awake thou that sleepest, Stainer; Violin solo, Reverie, Packman, Glen Halik; Organ solo, Andante in A Flat, Hoyte; Hymn before sermon, 261; sermon; Hymn during offering, 484; Anthem, By Babylons Wave, Gounod.

La Crosse Rescue Mission

Sunday school at 3 p. m. Evening service at 7:45. The girls' Bible class will meet Monday night at 6:30. The young ladies' Bible class will meet Tuesday night at 6:30, and Thursday night the biggest event of all, when the huge Christmas tree given by the Gas and Electric company will be in the mission. Services will be held every night. Saturday night, praise and testimony meeting. Everybody invited. "No creed but Christ, no law but love."

West Ave. M. E. Church

West Avenue Methodist Episcopal church, West avenue south, near Jackson street, J. E. Watson, pastor. Morning worship at 10:30 o'clock; sermon topic, "Christmas Light." Sunday school at 11:45. Junior Epworth league devotional service at 6:45 p. m.; topic "How Can I Make a Glad Christmas for Those Who Have Made Many Christmases Glad for Me." Evening worship at 7:30. Rev. L. A. Brenner, district superintendent, will preach at the evening service. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock. You will find a cordial welcome at all these services.

German Baptist Church

German Baptist church, corner Seventh and Winnebago streets, E. Berger, pastor. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. Morning service at 10:45; evening service at 7:30. The pastor will preach at both services. Friday evening at 7:30 the Sunday school will celebrate their Christmas festival.

West Ave. Nor. Lutheran

West Avenue Norwegian Lutheran church, corner West avenue and Division streets. Communion services Sunday morning at 10 o'clock. Sunday school at 12 o'clock. A special collection will be taken up to defray the expenses of the Christmas tree fetsival. Special services Christmas day with appropriate music and song. Friday evening the Christmas tree festival will be held, beginning about 7 o'clock.

St. John's Reformed Church

St. John's Reformed church (German), corner Fourth and Market streets, E. Vornholt, pastor. Services for Sunday, 9:15 a. m. Sunday school, 10:30 a. m. Divine services and preparatory for holy communion with sermon by the pastor; 7 p. m., devotional meeting of Y. P. S.; 7:30 p. m., English sermon by pastor. Services on Christmas day: 10:15 a. m., Divine services and holy communion; 7 p. m., children Christmas celebration. Communicant members will please notice the service preparatory to holy communion on Sunday morning and holy communion in connection with the morning services on Christmas day, furthermore than an offering for the Mission House college and seminary will be lifted in connection with the morning festival in the evening. Let us all, young and old, attend these services and remember the great gift of God in Jesus, our Lord, His son.

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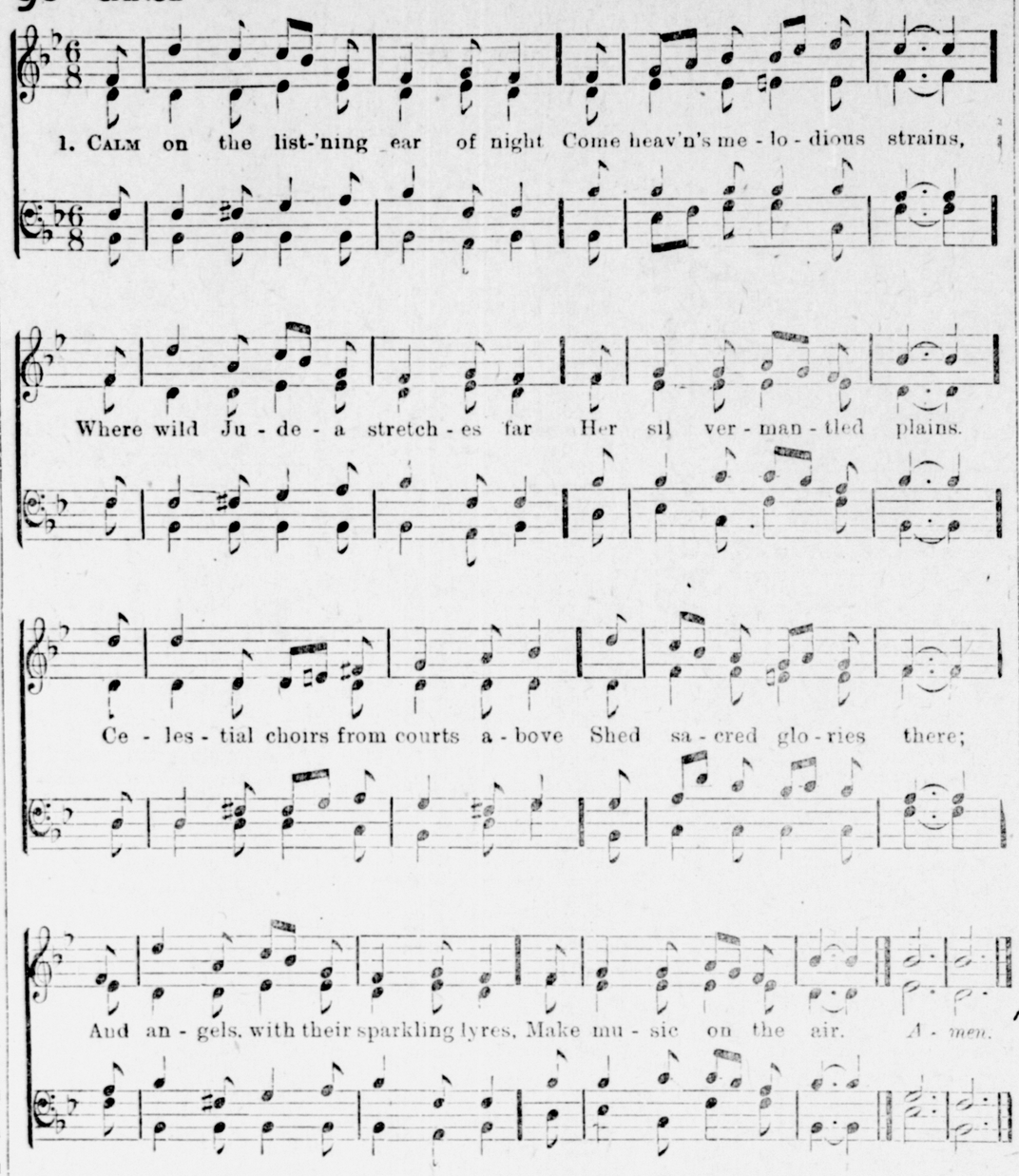
First Church of Christ, scientist, King street, between Fifth and Sixth. Sunday services at 10:30 a. m. Subject, "Is the universe including man evolved by Atomic force?" Sunday school at 11:45 a. m. Wednesday evening testimonial meeting at 8 o'clock. Free reading room open every day except Sundays and legal holidays from 2 to 5 in the Oyen building, 507 Main street, second floor.

First Presbyterian

First Presbyterian church, corner King and Sixth streets. Sunday school, 10 a. m. sharp; morning service, 11 o'clock; subject of sermon, "The Good News that Was to be to All People: Christian Endeavor society, 6:30 p. m; evening service, 7:15. Subject of evening sermon, "God's Messenger to the Human Race." Special Christmas music for morning and evening services. The annual Christmas exercises and tree for the Sunday school will be held in the main auditorium Tuesday evening at 7:15. The children and their parents and the public at large cordially invited to these services and exercises.

HERE'S ANOTHER FAMOUS CAROL TO BE SUNG AT CITY CELEBRATION--CLIP IT

90 CAROL C. M. 81. R. Storrs Willis, 1849



2 The answering hills of Palestine
Send back the glad reply;
And greet, from all their holy heights,
The day-spring from on high.
O'er the blue depths of Galilee
There comes a holier calm,
And Sharon waves, in solemn praise,
Her silent groves of palm.

3 "Glory to God!" the sounding skies
Loud with their anthems ring,
"Peace to the earth, good-will to men,
From heaven's eternal King!"
Light on Thy hills, Jerusalem!
The Saviour now is born:
More bright on Bethlehem's joyous plains
Breaks the first Christmas morn

E. H Sears 1834

NOTE:—Another noted old song, "it Came Upon a Midnight Clear," will be sung to the tune printed above. The words of this song follow:

It came upon a midnight clear,
That glorious song of old;
From angels bending near the earth
To touch their harps of gold:
"Peace to the earth, good-will to men,
From Heav'n's all-gracious King."
The earth in solemn stillness lay,
To hear the angels sing.

Still through the cloven skies they come,
With peaceful wings unfurled,
And still their heavenly music floats
O'er all the weary world:
Above its sad and lowly plains
They bend on heavenly wing,
And ever o'er its Babel sounds
The blessed angels sing.

For lo! The days are hastening on,
By prophet-bards foretold,
When with the ever circling years
Comes round the age of gold;
When peace shall over all the earth
Its ancient splendors fling;
And the whole world send back the song
Which now the angels sing.

WARM WEATHER IS BOON TO FARMERS

MADISON, Wis., Dec. 20—Unprecedented warm weather at this season of the year is one of the greatest boons Wisconsin farmers have ever enjoyed, according to Prof. R. A. Moore, the farm crop expert of the college of agriculture. Returning from a tour of the state, he said that the unusually mild conditions now existing mean largely increased crop yields and other benefits next year for farmers. He stated that 80 or 85 per cent of all plow lands usually turned in the spring have been cultivated this fall for spring planting, and apparently the end is not yet in sight. If other conditions are right, and hail and devastating rains do not come, he predicted vast benefits in the way of augmented yields in 1914. By getting plowing out of the way in the fall, farmers will be able to plant early and harvest crops before ruinous rusts have time to make their appearance. Fall plowing, according to Prof. Moore, is decidedly beneficial to clay lands, which usually must be left to spring.

A woman seems to think she is a dutiful wife if she pretends to keep on loving her husband after she knows she doesn't.

POEMS You Ought To Know

THE SONG OF THE MYSTIC.

By FATHER RYAN.

I walk down the Valley of Silence—
Down the dim, voiceless valley—alone!
And I hear not the fall of a footstep
Around me, save God's and my own;
And the hush of my heart is as holy
As hovers where angels have flown!

Long ago I was weary of voices
Whose music my heart could not win;
Long ago I was weary of noises
That fretted my soul with their din;
Long ago I was weary of places
Where I met but the human—and sin.

In the hush of the Valley of Silence
I dream all the songs that I sing;
And the music floats down the dim Valley,
Till each finds a word for a wing,
That to hearts, like the Dove of the Deluge
A message of Peace they may bring.

Do you ask me the place of the Valley,
Ye hearts that are harrowed by care?
It lieth afar between mountains,
And God and his angels are there;
And one is the dark mount of Sorrow
And one the bright mountain of Prayer.

UNIVERSITY MEN GROW MUSTACHES

MADISON, Wis., Dec. 20.—Students at the University of Wisconsin are engaged in a mustache growing contest. Although no definite prizes have been offered for the best hirsute equipment, a large majority of the graduating class have already entered the race, and more are getting the fever every day.

North Side Church News

Norwegian M. E.

Norwegian Methodist church, corner of Berlin and Sill streets, A. Hermansen, pastor. Sunday school, 9:15 a. m.; preaching, 10:30 a. m.; prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock. All are welcome to our meetings.

Caledonia Street M. E.

Caledonia Street Methodist Episcopal church, between Wall and Windsor. M. E. Fraser, pastor. 9:30 a. m., class meeting; 10:30, morning worship, sermon topic "The Christ We Need." Anthems, "The Angel's Song" and "And There Were Shepherds." 12 m., Sunday school; 6:30 p. m., Epworth league; 1:30, evening worship; sermon text, "We Have Seen His Star in the East." Special music by the choir. There will also be special Christmas organ music. Everyone welcome.

German M. E.

German Methodist Episcopal church, corner of Clinton and Berlin streets. Rev. B. C. Brandenburg, pastor. Sunday school at 9:15 a. m., F. C. Figgie, superintendent. Preaching service, 10:30 in the morning and 7:30 in the evening. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7:45. All are cordially invited to all the services.

Trinity United Lutheran

Trinity United Lutheran church, on Avon street, Rev. A. Forness, pastor. English service Sunday evening at 7:30. No morning services. Sunday school at 9 a. m.

Emmanuel Church

Immanuel Lutheran church, corner Avon and St. Paul streets. Regular services, 10 o'clock a. m.; Sunday school, 11:15 a. m. No evening service.

Scandinavian Baptist

Scandinavian Baptist church, corner Charles and Logan streets. Sunday services: Morning, 10:30; Sunday school and Bible class immediately after morning service. Young People's meeting, 6:30. All are cordially invited.

Bethel Norwegian Lutheran

Bethel Lutheran church, corner of George and Sill streets, O. L. Christensen, pastor. Services Sunday at 10:30 a. m. and 7:45 p. m. Sunday school at 9 a. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday at 7:45 p. m.

North Presbyterian

North Presbyterian church, corner Avon and Logan streets, Rv. Finch A. Clarke, pastor. Morning worship at 10:30. Sermon by the pastor. Theme, "The Higher Level in Christianity." Evening service at 7:45. Theme, "Accumulations and Possessions." The quartet will render a sacred selection. The public is invited to be present at the services and all who do not worship elsewhere are invited to make this their church home. Sunday school at 12 m.; Junior Christian Endeavor at 3:30 p. m.; Young People's meeting at 7 p. m. The Omega club will meet at the pastor's home Monday evening. Tuesday evening the final rehearsal for the Christmas entertainment will be held at the church. The Christmas entertainment will take place Wednesday evening, December 24, at 7:45 o'clock in the church auditorium. An excellent program consisting of songs and recitations will be given. Parents and children and the public will be welcome.

Norwegian Lutheran

Norwegian Lutheran Church, corner of Charles and Sill streets, Rev. E. O. Vik, pastor. Morning services, 10:30 a. m. Sunday school at 9 a. m.

Tabernacle Baptist Church

Tabernacle Baptist church, corner Clinton and Avon streets, Howard Beldon Leonard, minister. Public worship at 11 a. m., sermon by the pastor. Bible school at 10 o'clock, classes for all ages. Baptist Young People's union at 6:45. Evening evangelistic service at 7:30, with sermon by the pastor. Midweek service for praise and prayer every Wednesday evening at 7:30. Business meeting of the church the first Wednesday evening of each month. Covenant meetings are held the last Wednesday evening of each month. The Lord's supper is celebrated the first Sunday of each month at the close of the morning service. Visitors and strangers and people without a church home are invited to worship with us.

Wit of Sages. Stolen Gems from
Folly of Clown, Humor's Crown.

Not for Boys

After spending a few weeks last year at a watering place, where he took his daily swim in the open air pool of warm sulphur water, a little fellow was this year at the seaside. In his tiny bathing suit he gazed out over the vast ocean in silence.

Then he protested: "I'm not gin' in. Dat ain't water for boys; dat's for boats."

He Must Have Been Twins

A local preacher who was addressing the public meeting of a Sunday school anniversary made an eloquent appeal to the risible faculty of his audience by declaring, "I'm glad to be here, because this meeting has to do with boys and girls. I do not forget I was a boy and girl myself once."

Memorial Day Drawback

A story is told of a Dutchman who arrived in the United States on Decoration day, and, noticing the flags flying and the people going to the cemeteries with large bundles of flowers, he asked what it meant.

"Why, this is Decoration day," said one. "Don't you know what that is?"

The Dutchman confessed that he didn't. The man then explained it. "Isn't there someone at rest in the cemetery whose grave you would like to decorate with flowers?" asked the man.

The Dutchman shook his head and replied: "Doze beople vat graves I like to degorate are not dead yet."

CHURCH NEWS

Christmas Music in the Churches

Christmas music in the churches this year—is it American or English, and what are its new features? Whether American or English is most in favor depends on whether one asks an American or an English music dealer. The American, a foremost one, declares that composers in the respective countries are about even in popularity in the Churches this Christmas, in spite of the fact that English have advantage of a larger and a better education.

Americans whose compositions will be heard in largest numbers this Christmas in the churches and schools of America are Horatio Parker of Yale, Shelley of the Fifth Avenue Baptist church, New York, the late Dudley Buck of Brooklyn, Clarence Dickinson of the Brick Presbyterian church, New York, and G. W. Chadwick of Boston. Short cantatas are in favor as well as the longer ones that take up a whole evening to give and are in favor for organ recitals around Christmas time. Two that will be most generally heard are "The Shepherd's Vision," by Horatio Parker, and "Bethlehem" by J. H. Maunder, an English writer.

English importers here say that America has only one really good composer of Christmas carols and cantatas since Dudley Buck. He is Parker of Yale. They say that the overwhelming numbers of carols sung in America at Christmas are by English writers, living and dead, the dead celebrities holding in their music the popular taste to a remarkable degree. The most sung composers this Christmas, if sales of music count among the English school, are Sir John Stainer, Martin, Foster, Barnby, Elvey and Maunder.

In importations seven old French carols have met with great favor by American choirmasters this season. All are from the F. A. Gevaert collection and while they have familiar words, the music is fairly new here, even if old in France. "The Neighbors of Bethlehem," "A Joyous Christmas Song" and "Slumber Song of the Infant Christ" are the three to be most in demand.

To the trade Christmas music sales have few attractions. The money expended by churches and Sunday schools for Christmas music is much smaller in amount than might be supposed. There is really little new music in the market from year to year and that which is new has a hard fight to gain popular favor. There is therefore small incentive to organists and teachers to write it, and not much is written. In is for the most part a labor of love. Of old music churches have fair supplies, and only buy one copy to replace worn out ones or those that are lost. Church music is low priced because of number of copies wanted. It is printed on good weight book paper and nothing expensive comes in its makeup and can be purchased at anywhere from 4 to 18 cents per copy, with the exception of long cantatas, which sell at about 50 cents. Judged by sales in markets of the larger cities, Christmas music will be hardly more than twenty per cent new this season, if so much, but the quality of it will be quite up to the standard.

NOVEMBER FIRES INCREASE

MADISON, Wis., Dec. 20. — November fires were more numerous and total losses larger than in the same month last year, judging from State Fire Marshal Clem P. Host's monthly report. Fires number 222, as against 187 in November, 1912, and losses $316,043, compared with $358,330. Total insurance on damaged properties is $508,075 as against $1,610,325 for the same month last year.

Except for fires from unknown causes (34), matches proved the most prolific source of fires reported. Carelessness with, children with and mice with matches resulted in 26 fires and damage of $20,087. Chimneys and sparks caused 25 fires and losses of $22,355. Incendiary and suspicious numbered 17 with damage of $34,410. Gasoline fires of various nature were eleven in number and damage of $21,365 resulted. Seventeen lightning fires were reported, against which losses of $24,610 ensued.

Sweet.

Madge—I hear he's sweet on you. **Marjorie**—Rather! He's good for two pounds of candy every week.—Judge.

GINK AND DINK—Must Be Josie Has Changed Her Mind Again : : : : : : By C. A. Voight



THE TRIBUNE WANT SECTION

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THREE bright, capable ladies for 1914 to travel, demonstrate and sell dealers. $25 to $50 per week; R. R. fare paid. Goodrich Drug Co., Omaha, Neb. Sat 12 27

WANTED—Lady traveler for 1914; a beginner; salary, commission and expense money. Liberal offer and agreement. McBrady & Co., Chicago. 12 20 20

WANTED—Competent lady bookkeeper and stenographer. Address P. O. Box 637, La Crosse. 12 20 tf

WANTED—Dishwasher at the Home restaurant, 118 South Fifth. 12 20 tf

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WANTED—Middle aged lady for housework. Good wages. New phone 926-C. 12 18 tf

WANTED—Girl for general housework. 1216 Avon. 12 15 20

WANTED—Dining room girls at the Stoddard hotel. 12 18 20

WANTED—At once, cook for contractor's camp. P. J. Joyce, New Albin, Iowa. 12 18 tf

WANTED—Fifty girls for sorting tobacco at Bekkedal warehouse, Viroqua, Wis. 12 19 20

WANTED—Young girl for second work. 220 South Eleventh. 12 19 22

WANTED—Four girls at once to work in our factory. Work is clean and wages good. Opportunity for permanent employment. Call at La Crosse Knitting Works. 12 8 tf

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FOR SALE—Carpet weavig loom. Old style. Mrs. Bernard Heller, 425 Loomis street, Indian Hill. 12 17 20

FOR SALE—Canary birds, very fine singers. Call and look them over. 528 South Third street. 12 15 20

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FOR RENT—Blacksmith shop, opposite No. 2 fire station. Frank Pellinger. 12 20 23

STORE FOR RENT—26x60; clean place, good location for any kind of business. 714 La Crosse street. 12 20 20

FOR RENT—Five room house, 1503 Travis street. Inquire at 604 South Fifth or at 1506 Travis street. 12 18 20

FOR RENT—Eight room house, all modern conveniences, near high and normal schools. New phone 1174-R. 12 19 tf

FOR RENT—Nicely furnished room. 407 North Fourth street. 12 19 25

FOUR unfurnished rooms partly modern. Inquire 1739 Badger. 12 12 tf

FOR RENT—Furnished room in modern house, also furnished suite with private bath. 517 South Fourth. 12 13 tf

FOR RENT—Three furnished rooms for housekeeping, city heat, modern. Address B 4, care Tribune. 12 15 tf

FOR RENT—After January 1, two strictly modern rooms; gentlemen preferred. 503 Vine street. 12 15 20

FOR RENT—Double furnished room, city heat, suitable for two. Address A., care of Tribune. 12 16 tf

FOR RENT—Furnished room. 222 South Eighth. 12 15 tf

FOR RENT—Modern house. Inquire L. Kleeber, 108 North Sixth St. 12 3 tf

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FOR RENT—Seven room house; modern except heat, North Eighth street. Inquire 516 North Eighth, Phone 1284-M. 12 2 tf

FOR RENT—House, 221 North Twenty-first. Inquire next door. 12 2 tf

FOR RENT—Finest wild hay crop any part of 120 acres. See or address A. M. B., Tribune office. 8 7 tf

FOR RENT—Seven room flat, all modern except heat. 1620 Jackson street. 11 1 tf

FOR RENT—Two furnished rooms for light housekeeping. 712 Cass. 11 29 tf

MISCELLANEOUS

CARPENTER SHOP—826 Main. 9 26 tf

GOOD CHANCE for anybody to make money with $1,000 investment in a freezeless and perfectly dry silo. Address 417 North Fourth street. New phone 482-A. 12 20 26

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BICYCLE WANTED—Good second-hand wheel. Do not want coaster brake. Call any day next week between 12 noon and 1:30 p. m. E. A. Bell, 136 South 11th street. 12 20 20

WANTED—Hall or school room Christmas. Will prove by Moses and the prophets, also things he has been an eye witness of, that Jesus is the savior. Luke xxiv, 27. Daniel's 70 weeks explained. Daniel ix. Black board needed. A Stranger, 116 South Third street, room 3 2 to 7 p. m. Sunday. 12 19 20

PIANO TUNING—Renier Piano Co. new phone 1244-M. 322 South Fourth street. Factory representative Renier pianos. 9 27 tf

WANTED to buy second hand counter. Modern Steam Laundry. 12 17 tf

WANTED—Umbrellas repaired and recovered. 609 Main. A. Mintz. 11 12 tf

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LOST—Three embroidered white linen hand bags between Kindley's drug store and Y. W. C. A. Return to 343 South 22nd or Y. W. C. A. Reward. 12 19 20

LOST—Fox hound, white with brown spots, answers to the name of Bob. Notify Alfred Roellig or call new phone 1286-A. Reward. 12 19 22

LOST—Black velvet shopping bag, on Sixth and Cass, containing money, glasses and different articles. Finder may keep money and return bag with other contents to 211 South Sixth. 12 16 22

LOST—Last Saturday between La Crosse theater and Fifth and Jay, W. R. C. pin. Please return to this office. 12 20 22

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Foreign Markets

New York Stocks

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—The stock market opened strong.

11 a. m.—After a short pause for breath the market resumed its advance and was going strong at the end of the first hour. The settlement of the telephone difficulty had a good effect on all industrial and particularly those against which anti-trust proceedings have either been begun or were contemplated.

The market closed quiet.

New York Money

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—Bar Silver: London 26 13-16d; New York 58c.

Demand sterling 4.85.35@4.85.40.

Kansas City Livestock

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 20.—Cattle — Receipts 500; market steady; steers $8.25 to $9.50; cows and heifers $4.40 to $9.50; stockers and feeders $5.50 to $7.50; calves $6.90 to $10.50.

Hogs — Receipts 1,000; market steady; bulk $7.45 to $7.65; heavy $7.60 to $7.70; medium $7.50 to $7.65; light $7.40 to $7.60.

Sheep — Receipts none; market steady; lambs $7.00 to $7.60; ewes $4.00 to $4.60; stockers ad feeders $3.25 to $6.25.

Chicago Livestock

UNION STOCK YARDS, Ill., Dec. 20.—Hogs—Receipts 15,000; market slow; best steady; others weak; mixed and butchers $7.40 to $7.75; good heavy $7.50 to $7.75; rough heavy $7.40 to $7.50; light $7.30 to $7.65; pigs $6.25 to $7.60.

Cattle — Receipts 400; market steady; beeves $6.60 to $9.75; cows and heifers $3.30 to $8.40; stockers and feeders $4.90 to $7.35; Texans $6.60 to $7.60; calves $7.00 to $10.50.

Sheep — Receipts 2,000; market slow; steady; native $4.25 to $5.50; western $4.25 to $5.50; lambs $6.25 to $7.70; western $6.25 to $7.75.

Chicago Produce

CHICAGO, Dec. 20.—Butter—Extras 35½ to 36c; firsts 27 to 29c; dairy extras 29½c; firsts 26½ to 27½c.

Eggs—Prime firsts 30½ to 31c; ordinary 28 to 30c.

Cheese — Twins 15¼ to 15½c; Young Americas 15¾ to 16c.

Potatoes— 55 to 60c.

Live Poultry—Fowls 12½ to 13½c; ducks 13 to 14c; geese 12½ to 13½c; spring chicks 12 to 12½c; turkeys 16 to 17c.

Chicago Cash Grain

CHICAGO, Dec. 20.—Wheat—No. 2 red 95 to 96c; No. 3 red 93½ to 94⅜c; No. 2 hard 89⅝ to 90c; No. 3 hard 88½ to 89c; No. 3 spring 88 to 89c.

Corn—No. 2 white 70¼ to 70¾c; No. 2 yellow 70¼ to 70¾c; No. 3, 64¾ to 66c; No. 3 white 65½ to 67c; No. 3 yellow 65 to 67½c; No. 4, 57¼ to 60c; No. 4 white 60 to 63½c; No. 4 yellow 58 to 63½c.

Oats—No. 3 white 40 to 40¾c; No. 4 white 39 to 40c; standard 41¼c.

Chicago Grain Review

CHICAGO, Dec. 20.—Wheat was firm at the outset today, resting orders to buy consuming the light offerings, but later in the forenoon the market became dull and prices gradually declined ⅛ to ¼c. The range was inside ⅜c all day.

Corn started firm and was ¼c higher in the early trading on expectations of unsettled weather that would delay marketing, but toward noon the demand disappeared and the prices fell off ⅝c for December and ¼ to ⅜c for the other months.

Oats started with a fractional gain on account of the bulge in corn, but reacted when corn futures declined, the close today finding oats futures at about yesterday's closing figures.

The provision market was dull. Prices were fairly steady at the start, but toward the close pork suffered some loss, due to an easier feeling in the hog market.

	Open.	High	Low.	Close.
WHEAT—				
Dec.	88¼	88⅜	88	88
May	91¼	91⅜	91	91⅛
CORN—				
Dec.	70⅛	70¼	69½	69½
May	69¾	70	69½	69½
OATS—				
Dec.	39⅜	39⅜	39⅜	39⅜
May	42	42⅛	41⅝	41¾
PORK—				
Jan.	20.60	20.60	20.47	20.52
May	20.80	20.80	20.72	20.75
LARD—				
Jan.	10.65	10.65	10.62	10.62
May	10.97	10.97	10.97	10.97
RIBS—				
Jan.	10.77	10.77	10.77	10.77
May	11.05	11.05	11.02	11.05

Milton's Affliction.

"Willie," said the teacher, "can you tell me how the poet Milton was afflicted?"

"Yes, ma'am," was the reply. "He was afflicted with a mania for writing poetry."—Chicago News.

U. S. COTTON REPORT

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—A census report today showed 12,823,606 bales, counting round as half bales, ginned from the growth of 1913 to December 1, compared with 12,439,036 last year. Round bales included this year are 91,683 compared with 75,772 for 1912. Sea Island included was 69,312 against 60,445 for 1912.

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No. 2119 Wood street	$1,500
No. 1509 George street	$3,000
No. 1527 Avon street	$4,300
No. 1225 Kane street	$1,000
No. 1302 Caledonia street	$2,100
No. 832 Mill street	$3,000
No. 813 Mill street	$1,300
No. 1704 George street	$2,500
No. 1717 Loomis street	$1,800
No. 1335 Wood street	$950
No. 1347 Caledonia street	$1,800
No. 1505 Kane street	$1,500
No. 1501 Kane street	$2,300
No. 212 Caledonia street	$2,200
No. 1817 Kane street	$2,800
No. 1607 Loomis street	$2,600
No. 1411 George street	$3,200
No. 1321 Charles street	$1,000
No. 813 St. Paul street	$1,150
No. 2033 Kane street	$2,000
in Onalaska	$1,500
Apartment house on Rose street, paying $41 a month	$3,500
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WANTED—Girls in assembling department. — Must have factory experience. Hans Motor Equipment Co. 12 17 23

Daily Markets

Wholesale Fruit
(Quoted by John C. Burns)

Bananas, per bunch	$1.50@$2.50
Lemons, Verdelli, 300 size box	$6.00
Lemons, Verdilli, 360 size box	$5.50
Lemons, Calif. 300 size box	$8.00
Lemons, Calif., 360 size box	$7.00
Sweet potatoes, Va., bbl.	$2.50
Cranberries, Cape Cods, bbl.	$7.00
Cranberries, Badger, bbl	$7.75
Cranberries, Wis. Bamber, bbl.	$8.00
Cranberries, Wis. Fox, bbl.	$9.50
Celery, Mich., do.	20@30c
Shell Bark Hickory nuts	$1.50
Oysters, Selects, gal.	$1.60
Oysters, Standards, gal.	$1.20
Onions, per bu.	$2.50
Cabbage, per bbl.	$2.00
Orange, Cal. box	$3.50
Oranges, Fla., per box	$2.50
Potatoes, bu.	70c
Grape Fruit, size 36, per box	$4.00
Grape Fruit, size 64, per box	$4.00
Grape Fruit, size 64, per box	$4.00
Grape Fruit, size 80, per box	$3.50
Grape Fruit, size 46, per box	$3.75
Grape Fruit, size 96, per box	$3.50
Apples, Johathans, per bbl.	$6.00
Apples, Northern Spys	$4.50
Apples, Wealthy	$4.25
Apples, Snows	$5.00
Apples, Grimes Golden	$5.00
Apples, Baldwins	$4.50
Apples, Greenings	$4.50
Apples, Cooking	$4.00
Apples, Milk Farmers pack	$3.00
Cheese, Full Cream, per lb.	16½c
Canada Rutabagas, per bu.	70c
Carrots, Washed, per tub	$1.00
Beets, Washed, per tub	$1.10
Parsnips, Washed, per tub	$1.25
Turnips, Washed, per tub	$1.50
Cider, Refined, per bbl.	$6.50
Cider, Pure Juice, per bbl	$6.00
Cider, Crab Apple half bbl.	$5.50
Cider, Refined, half bbl.	$3.75
Cider, Pure Juice, half bbl.	$3.50

Grain
(Quoted by Thomas-Phalon Co.)

Corn	50 to 60c
Oats	32 to 38c
Wheat	75 to 80c
Rye	50 to 52c
Barley	50 to 65c

FOR SALE

5 rooms, bath, electric lights, no furnace, upstairs unfinished, 15th near Madison, lot 95x70, only **$3,000.**

8 room brick house and 7 room frame house, lot 102x145, So. Seventh street, near King, **$5,500.**

Two story brick store building, 24x60, Main street, close to retail center. Price only **$7,500.**

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Spring lambs	$5.00 to $5.50

Poultry

Chickens	10c to 10½c
Turkeys	14c
Ducks	12c
Geese, pound	11c

Provisions

Lard, per pound	13¼ to 13¾c
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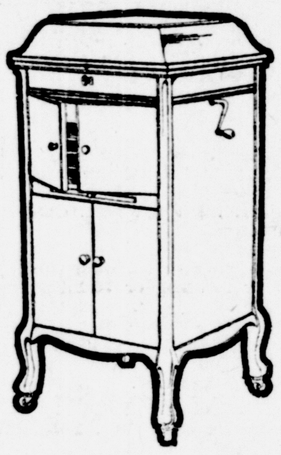
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Current Talk

CLEVELAND, O., Dec. 20.—President C. W. Somers of the Naps, today admitted that he had presented his manager, Joe Birmingharm, with a new seven passenger Cadillac automobile. It was in appreciation of his great showing with the Naps the past season," said Somers.

BOSTON, Mass., Dec. 20.—Selection of a secretary-treasurer to succeed Bob McRoy was the main business of the Red Sox club when the annual meeting convened here today. McRoy who represented western interests now held by President Lannin, left for Chicago today.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Dec. 20.—Pitcher Jack Coombs of the Athletics felt strong enough to plan another shopping trip. He made his first tour of the stores yesterday with Catcher Ira Thomas, since his long illness. Only his right arm was tirtd after his return home and that because so many admirers insisted on shaking hands.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—"Pop" Anson will not be pensioned by the National league, it was announced today by President Tener, who declared the veteran is satisfied with the pay he is drawing for his vaudeville act.

CHICAGO, Dec. 20.—"What is your batting average?" inquired Judge Sullivan of Charles Schramm, 30, who claims to be a short stop in the Southern Michigan league, when Schramm was arraigned on the charge of stealing an overcoat.

"Two hundred and eighty-seven," answered Schramm.

"Discharged," said the court. "You cannot be very bad with a batting average like that."

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—Two good bouts are scheduled for tonight before local clubs. One Round Hogan will meet Joe Hyland at the Queensboro Athletic club and Bob Moha will clash with Johnny Howard at the Irving Athletic club.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 20.—Performing in sensational style while Calvin Demarest was off form "Chick" Wright of San Francisco, defeated the former world's billiard champion in two matches yesterday, 300 to 171 and 300 to 291.

RACINE RESIDENT RHODES SCHOLAR

MADISON, Wis., Dec. 20.—Lucius R. Shero of Racine, who took his bachelor of arts degree at Haverford college, Pennsylvania, and a graduate student at the University of Wisconsin for two years, receiving his master of arts degree in 1912, becomes the Rhodes scholar for Wisconsin.

A girl with a face as pretty as a picture may be spoiled by an ugly frame of mind.

STATE FAIR NEEDS $10,000 FOR 1914

MILWAUKEE, Dec. 20.—Unless at least $10,000 is raised and provided for the use of the Wisconsin board of agriculture there may be no Wisconsin state fair in 1914. This was the statement made by the president, secretary and several members of the board after a two hour executive session on Friday.

The statement authorized by the officers and members of the board is as follows:

"We have $648.07 cash on hand. The bills payable by the board exceed the bills receivable by between $1,500 and $2,000. The so-called debt of the board is $14,500 in notes for permanent improvements on the fair grounds and for bills incurred by former boards. These notes are entirely covered by a state appropriation which can be used for no other purpose than that. At least $10,000 more is needed before we can be sure of having any fair."

SPORTS

WOLGAST-WHITE FIGHT IS A DRAW

Wolgast Has Shade in Two Rounds, but White Given Even Break in Other Rounds

JACK JOHNSON IS NO MORE A PUG

Fights a Negro from Memphis, Tenn., in Paris, in Poor Exhibition that Is Called a Draw

MILWAUKEE, Dec. 20.—A return engagement between Charley White and Ad Wolgast is being discussed today and it is probable promotors will try to hook up the two, following their swift ten round fight to a draw last night. The boys were at it hammer and tongs every second and were strong at the finish. White landed five blows to Wolgast's one but they slid off the former champion's armor plate defense and did no damage. Wolgast had a shade the best of it in two rounds when he cornered White and forced him to mix it, but the Hebrew had to be given an even break in the other eight frames.

PARIS, Dec. 20.—That Jack Johnson still has a claim to the heavyweight championship of the world is due to the shortness of his bout with Jim Johnson, a negro fighter of Mempis, Tenn. This was the verdict today of French fight experts who saw the two battle ten rounds last night. The decision was a draw, but the champion was groggy at the end.

The Excelsior today says it was one of the worst fakes ever seen in a prize ring.

Jack Johnson suffered a broken bone in his left arm. He announced the accident happened in the third, but the crowd hooted and hissed. As a result of the injury, Johnson's bout with Frank Moran, scheduled for January 19, has been called off.

HAS CLEAN RECORD FOR NINE YEARS

Ty Cobb Bats Average of .371 for that Time; Has Reached Twenty-seven Year Mark

CHICAGO, Dec. 20.—Ty Cobb, star baseball player of the Detroit Tigers and champion batsman of the American league, has a grand average of .371 for nine years in major league baseball.

Twice Cobb made an average above .400, in 1911 getting a percentage of .420 and in 1912 a record of .410.

Following are Cobb's batting averages since joining the Detroit Americans:

Years	Games	Ave.
1905	41	.240
1906	97	.320
1907	150	.350
1908	150	.324
1909	156	.377
1910	140	.385
1911	146	.420
1912	140	.410
1913	122	.391
Totals	1,142	.371

Cobb was 27 years old Thursday.

PACKEY FIGHTS IN OTHER STATES

CHICAGO, Dec. 19.—Boxing commissioners of other states will not recognize the action of the Wisconsin state boxing commission, which has barred Packey McFarland, the boxer, for a period of one year because of what was termed an "unsatisfactory performance" in his recent bout with Jack Britton at Milwaukee.

From Milwaukee yesterday came word that the Badger commissioners would not ask the leaders of the sport in other states to take similar action.

NEVER SAW SON IN PRIZE RING

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 20.—Willie Ritchie's father has never seen him fight. What do you know about it? Father of a world's champion and has yet to see his son put up his hands for anything more exciting than a stage exhibition!

The excuse the champion gives for his father remaining away from his fights is a very simple one.

"Papa," he says, "takes no interest in boxing matches. He finds his pleasure in other forms of entertainment. Had he ever expressed a desire to see me work in the ring there would be no objection offered on my part. But he never has. Even when he went to New York with me he strolled around town and saw the sights while I was fighting Leach Cross."

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CRITICIZE M'GOVERN FOR NAMING JUDGE

MENOMONIE, Wis., Dec. 20.—The bar of the Eighth judicial circuit at an adjourned meeting here today sharply criticised Gov. McGovern for making an appointment of judge to succeed E. W. Helms without waiting for an expression from that body, though he was notified of its purpose to make an endorsement.

The bar in convention here last week did not arrive at a choice and adjourned until today for that purpose, the secretary being instructed to inform the governor, which he did. Within four days the appointment of George Thompson was announced. Serious offense has been taken by the attorneys, and while no blame for the governor's action is attached to Mr. Thompson there is certain to be a contest at the April election for the succeeding term.

TO SCRAP FOR TINKER

CINCINNATI, O., Dec. 20.—Chas. H. Ebbets, president of the Brooklyn National baseball club, was due to arrive in Cincinnati today to fight out with President August Herrmann of the Cincinnati club the $25,000 deal for Joe Tinker, former manager of the Reds.

Their Similarity.

"Wireless telegraphy reminds me of a groundless quarrel."

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Get together with yourself. Look yourself right square in the eye and ask: "What am I doing to make La Crosse the right kind of a town?" Don't imagine that you can't help. You can help, and you've got to help or we will stay right where we are for all time to come, and finally die for lack of the vital force that this town needs, and that MUST come from within.

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It's up to you to stop grumbling and join the boosters.

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